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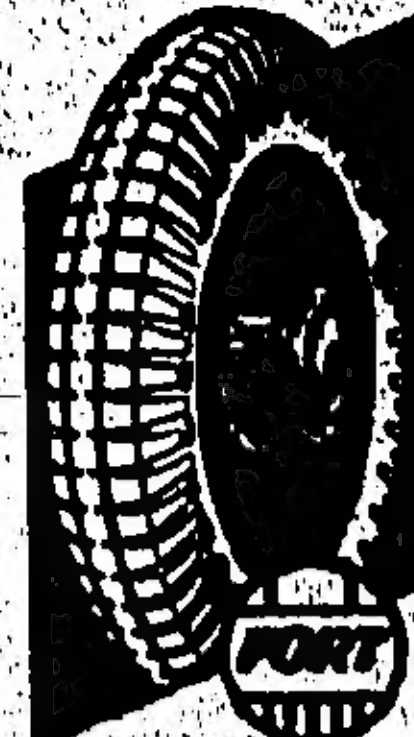
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ONLY ELEVEN WEEKS WATER SUPPLY LEFT IN COLONY

PRESIDENTIAL FIGHT ENDS.

**Painleve Withdraws
Candidature.**

**PATH LEFT CLEAR FOR
LE BRUN.**

**Effect of Move by
Centre Radicals.**

Paris, Yesterday.

M. Painleve has withdrawn his candidature for the Presidency, thus leaving the path clear for M. Le Brun's election.

This decision followed a move by the Radical Centre Group (the largest in the Senate), which approached both candidates suggesting that one should stand down, and as the group favours M. Le Brun, M. Painleve gracefully took the hint. — Reuter.

Fight for Presidency.

Paris, Yesterday.

The Government has decided to resign to-morrow after the election of the new President, in consequence of the sweeping left gains.

The Republican Socialist, M. Painleve is opposing M. Le Brun in the election for the Presidency. The electoral college is composed of the Senate and the old Chamber of Deputies, which show a Right majority, hence the victory of M. Le Brun is more likely. If the new Chamber were eligible to elect the President, the success of M. Painleve would be assured.

In accordance with tradition, the Government always resigns after an election for President, but to-morrow, M. Tardieu owing to the changed circumstances, "will respectfully beg the President not to re-invest the late Ministry." — Reuter.

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FAMOUS PILOTS TO WED.

**Amy Johnson and
J. A. Mollison.**

ENGAGEMENT IS ANNOUNCED.

London, Yesterday.

The engagement is announced of the young Australian aviator, Mr. J. A. Mollison, to Miss Amy Johnson. — Reuter.

Historic Flight.

A certain amount of surprise will be occasioned by this announcement, since it was stated quite recently that Mr. Mollison had become engaged to an English Society woman.

Mr. Mollison will be remembered for his historic flight from Australia to England about a year ago, when he defeated the record set up by Commodore Kingsford-Smith. He also recently accomplished a flight from Croydon to the Cape in record time. Mr. Mollison intends to fly the Atlantic in the near future.

Miss Amy Johnson, the young Hull aviatrix, flew alone from London to Australia in 1930, setting up a new record for an solo flight to India (Kanchi in six days), for which she received the C.B.E. After twice being held up, she flew last year from London to Tokyo via Siberia.

CHARLIE CHAPLIN IN HONG KONG

APPEARS FIT AFTER HIS RECENT ILLNESS

**TO VISIT CHINESE STUDIOS WITH
HIS BROTHER SYD.**

**MOVING PICTURE TAKEN ON BOARD
TO BE SHOWN AT QUEEN'S**

**"ITS JUST LIKE MONTE CARLO," SAYS
PRINCE OF COMEDIANS.**

"Just like Monte Carlo," was the mutual opinion of the two Chaplin brothers, Charlie and Syd, when they first saw Hong Kong this morning from the deck of the s.s. Terukuni Maru, after their arrival.

From an early hour a battery of cameras and a host of Pressmen besieged the ship, but they were the only members of the public there to welcome the two famous film stars. The wharf was practically deserted.

Charlie, in his customary manner, refused to be dislodged from his bed until after 9 o'clock, and after breakfast in his cabin, finally emerged, looking exceedingly well and debonair, shortly after 10-30.

SPICK AND SPAN.

DEBONAIR CHARLIE CHAPLIN.



Charlie Chaplin in real life is far from the beloved comedian of the screen. Spick and span in a white suit, with his slightly greying hair parted down the middle he presented a direct contrast to the tramp of "City Lights."

There is a great likeness between the two brothers, although Syd is slightly the taller of the two. Both have the same ready smile, which seldom fades from Charlie's face, the likeable manner, and voices with no trace of a Yankee twang.

After the interview with the Press, Charlie and Syd posed for photographs, and also for a film camera man, being supported in the latter picture by a cast of admirers.

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RECORD POLLING AT TO-DAY'S ELECTION

MUCH PUBLIC INTEREST AROUSSED

**INDICATIONS THAT DR. LI SHU-FAN
IS LEADING.**

KEEN CANVASSING AT THE POLL

Polling for the Sanitary Board Election opened in the office of the Registrar of the Supreme Court at 10 o'clock this morning and soon after that hour crowds of voters began to arrive and they continued to come in a steady stream up to noon.

Never before was such interest shown in an election in Hong Kong, and to one who was present at the last election contest between Dr. S. C. Ho and Dr. F. M. Grace Ozorio, about six years ago, it is apparent that to-day's polling will be a record one.

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ADDIS RETIRES FROM WORLD BANK.

**Signor Beneduce Is
Successor.**

**\$90,000,000 SHARE CREDIT FOR
THE REICHSBANK.**

**Possible Renewal for
Three Months.**

Rugby, Yesterday.

The resignation of Sir Charles Addison, one of the Directors of the Bank of England and a leading British financier, from the Vice-Chairmanship of the Bank of International Settlements at Basle took effect to-day. Signor Beneduce was nominated as his successor.

At to-day's board meeting it was decided to renew the Bank's share of \$90,000,000 credit, for the Reichsbank for three months, providing the Bank of England, the Bank of France, and the Federal Reserve Bank of America also renew their shares. — British Wireless Service.

BRITISH PLANE STRUCK BY LIGHTNING.

**Returns To Croydon Only
Slightly Damaged.**

London, Yesterday.

The Imperial Airways Air Liner "Horatius" was struck by lightning over Tonbridge, Kent, when on its way to Paris.

Only slight damage was done to the machine, which returned to Croydon, when all 13 passengers resumed the journey in another machine. — British Wireless Service.

ADELE ASTAIRE MARRIES.

**Weds Lord Charles
Cavendish.**

**DANCER WHO DELIGHTED
LONDON AUDIENCES.**

London, Yesterday.

A little private chapel in Chatsworth House, the Duke of Devonshire's Derbyshire home, was the scene of a quiet wedding this morning, when Lord Charles Cavendish, aged 27, the younger son of the Duke, married Miss Adele Astaire, the American stage dancer.

The ceremony was performed in the presence of the bridegroom's parents and members of the family.

The Duke's heir, the Marquis of Hartington, acted as best man. Miss Adele Astaire often delighted London audiences in dancing acts with her brother Fred. — Reuter's Special Service.

"The Band Waggon."
Miss Adele Astaire and her brother, Fred, took a leading part in the celebrated musical play, "The Band Waggon," which had a successful run in New York last year.

Although her engagement to Lord Cavendish was announced several months ago, Miss Astaire decided to conclude her theatrical engagement before the marriage took place.

LABOUR LEADER'S DEATH.

Rugby, Yesterday.

Answering a question regarding the International Labour Office, in the House of Commons to-day, the Foreign Secretary, Sir John Simon took occasion to express the regret of the House at sudden death of its chief, Mr. Albert Thomas. — British Wireless Service.

HONG KONG'S WATER PROBLEM

USE OF SEA WATER IN THE HOME

**LOCAL ENGINEER THINKS COST WOULD
BE TOO GREAT.**

AN ADVANTAGE TO SANITATION

The enormous cost of installing a network of pipes was the chief argument brought up against the substitution of sea water for domestic purposes in the Colony by a senior engineer of the Jardine Engineering Co., in an interview with a "China Mail" representative to-day.

He referred to the Government Committee which was appointed in 1921 to investigate the question and which gave as its considered opinion "that to pump salt water to any of the three districts — the Peak, Middle Levels, or Kowloon Point — was feasible and would be an advantage from a sanitary point of view."

"Fundamentally, I agree with Dr. Balean that the use of sea water would go a long way towards solving the problem of the Colony's water shortage," declared the engineer.

"The chief difficulty," he added, "would seem to be the cost of installing duplicate pipes, as a complete new network would be required. This would mean that all the roads would have to be dug up, and I imagine that the cost would be enormous. Of course, the ratepayer would have to pay for it in the long run!"

Lower Levels First.

He added that it might be practicable to lay down the system by degrees, and supply the lower levels and Kowloon before attempting to pump the sea water to higher altitudes. The cost of erecting and maintaining a pumping station would not be so great as that of duplicating the pipe system.

Our informant stated that he was surprised to find that sea water was not used by the Fire Department, as it would be a simple matter to supply the hydrants from that source.

"It only the Government water engineers could find an adequate water-bearing strata in Hong Kong," he said. "I think that most of our troubles in connection with water shortage would be over. I do not know whether borings have ever been made with this end in view, but I believe that an underground stream does run, for example, in the vicinity of Ice House Street, and doubtless water could be found in other parts of the Colony."

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LANCASTER INDICTED FOR MURDER

SEQUEL TO FLORIDA MURDER CASE

**FAMOUS AVIATORS AND MRS.
KEITH MILLER.**

AIRMAN SHOT THROUGH HEAD

Miami, Florida, Yesterday.

Captain William Lancaster, who was arrested on May 2 on a charge of murdering the American airman, Mr. Haden Clark, on April 21, at the home of his fiancée, Mrs. Keith Miller, the famous Australian airwoman, has been indicted for murder in the first degree. — Reuter's American Service.

A "Triangle."

On the night of the tragedy, both Mr. Clark and Captain Lancaster were staying at Mrs. Miller's bungalow at Miami. Captain Lancaster is stated to have talked cheerfully with Haden Clark on the subject of home troubles before retiring to bed.

Captain Lancaster said that he was awakened from his sleep by a noise and found Mr. Clark lying wounded from a pistol shot. He called Mrs. Miller and she formed the Police of the incident. Clark was immediately rushed to the hospital where he died.

At first the Police concluded that it was a case of suicide, but later they decided that the circumstances indicated murder. Captain Lancaster was released after the preliminary enquiries, although he technically remained in the custody of the Customs Office pending further investigations.

Marriage Arranged.

Mrs. Miller, who at one time held the women's trans-continental record for a flight from New York to Los Angeles and back in record time in 1930, is reported to have told the Police that she and Clark intended to marry at an early date.

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**CHINESE QUEUEING UP AT
STREET HYDRANTS.**

The present drought in the Colony, and the rapidly diminishing supply of water is causing the authorities grave concern. They have been compelled to take immediate and drastic measures.

Following last week's order whereby the supply was cut off from 8 p.m. to 6 a.m., as from to-morrow, it is now announced that the supply will be cut off from 7 p.m. to 6 a.m., and from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., thus leaving only seven hours out of twenty-four in which to obtain one's supply.

In the Peak District the hours of supply will be from 6 a.m. to 10 a.m. and 5 p.m. to 8 p.m.

Queues at Hydrants.

Although Chinese draw water from street hydrants every day, this is the first time this year and since the drought of 1929 that they have queued at the hydrants.

Apparently news of the new order had gained currency in Chinese quarters, and numbers with their buckets and poles, queued up at all the street hydrants, in order that they might lay in a store of water for the next few days. Great hardship is already being felt by the Chinese, who wait patiently for hours, for just two buckets of water. Those at the end of some of the queues this morning, were seen seated awaiting their turn.

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VICTORIA GAP MURDER.

**Was Deceased Doped?
Asks Mr. Justice Wood.**

"Was the deceased doped before he was murdered?" was one of the startling questions put to Dr. Graves, the Government Bacteriologist, by Mr. Justice J. R. Wood at the resumed hearing of the Victoria Murder Case at the Assizes this morning.

The accused are Cheung Man Cheung, Teze-san and Cheung San-fa, who are charged with the murder of Tsang Te-kai on February 18.

Brother's Evidence.

The first witness was the deceased's elder brother who, under examination by His Honor, Mr. Justice, for the defence, stated that he was a solicitor's clerk living with his family at Shamshau. The deceased had lived with him in the same house.

The case is proceeding.

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NEW YORK STOCK QUOTATIONS

PRICES RECOVER AFTER EARLY REACTION.

Rails Again Show Weakly.

New York, Apr. 30.

Month-end covering on the New York Stock Exchange to-day brought prices up to near previous closing quotations after an early reaction with many new lows, says the daily review of the Dow Jones Financial News Agency for the Wall Street Journal.

Early losses, however, were mostly under a point in extent. The rail issues were the weakest, but they showed a rally from the lowest quotations recorded. The Dow Jones average for 20 rails was off 40 to 21.44. B. & O. closed off a quarter to 8 1/2 and other issues reacted correspondingly.

Oil issues were perhaps the strongest on the market, under leadership of Standard Oil of New Jersey which closed up an eighth to 22 1/2. Texas Corporation closed up an eighth also, at 11.

Utilities and mercantiles rallied during the course of trading. Coppers were barely steady. Anaconda closed off an eighth to 4 1/2.

The Dow Jones average for 30 Industrials was up .18 to 56.11, with U.S. Steel closing up 1/4 to 23 1/2, Bethlehem up 1/4 to 13, Allied Chemical up 1/4 to 58 1/2, American Can up a quarter to 39 1/2 and Westinghouse up 1/4 to 21 1/2.

The Dow Jones average for 20 utilities was off .01 to 24.21 and that for 40 bonds was off .26 to 74.98.

Sales for the day totalled 438,980 shares.

Quotations.

Apr. 29 30.

Air Reduction 37 3/4
 Amer. Sugar Refining 18 1/2
 Auburn 32 1/2
 Canada Dry Ginger Ale 9 1/4
 Continental Can 25 1/2
 Coty, Inc. 24 1/2
 Diamond Match 12 1/2
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 Int. Printing Ink 4 1/2
 Mack Trucks 13 1/2
 Nat'l Biscuit 32 1/2
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ROUND HONG KONG'S CINEMA THEATRES

OFFICIAL SOURCES.

ALEKO'S ACT.

Aleko's act is now well known here, but the best part of it is where it dates back to the time of Adam. The man varies the making of his woman from a "rib" to the present time pattern of a "wooden head and three long sticks." She comes forth, beautifully garbed—mind-reader, who tells you all you are thinking and a few things you never dreamed of thinking. One of the best things the "Rib" does is to balance a thousand dollars or more worth of white ostrich feathers on her head, without upsetting her equilibrium or the feathers.

"DANGER LIGHTS."

When it comes to the greatest distance travelled within a given space of time, the record is unhesitatingly claimed by Radio Pictures which recently filmed the spectacular railroad drama "Danger Lights," now at the Queen's Theatre.

More than the distance around the equator, 31,000 miles were travelled by the company with three special trains during the two months the troupe was on location filming scenes with Louis Wolheim, Robert Armstrong and Jean Arthur.

Twelve states were crossed many times by the actors and technicians. They experienced every kind of weather and saw and photographed every type of scenery in America, California, Nevada, Utah, Idaho, Montana, South Dakota, Minnesota, Wisconsin, Illinois, Iowa, Nebraska and Wyoming saw the company as it was piling up mileage and hundreds of thousands of feet of film.

The company travelled and lived most of the time on a ten-car special train. Two other trains were used for transporting equipment.

"ALIAS FRENCH GERTIE."

Methods and habits of high class crooks provide the animating motif of "Alias French Gertie," Radio Pictures' talk film which will open to-morrow at the Queen's Theatre.

Of chief interest is the initial appearance together of Bebe Daniels and Ben Lyons, Hollywood's most popular couple.

The film adapted from Bayard Veiller's stage play, "The Chatterbox," offers Miss Daniels one of her most versatile roles. In the interpretation of her dramatic and romantic part she converses partly in French and the balance of the time in the voluble, eloquent argot of the underworld.

Palatial New York apartments furnished in futuristic style form the setting for this crook-romance. "Alias French Gertie" was directed by George Archambault, one of the screen's foremost generals. It boasts a cast of veteran players of the stage and screen, including Betty Pierce, Daisy Belmont, Robert Emmett O'Connor and John Ince, one of the famous Ince brothers of screen history.

The talkies is a departure for Miss Daniels in that she has been given a role of genuine dramatic power. In it, it is claimed, she displays a versatility in keeping with her remarkable talking screen debut and triumph in the glamorous role of "Rio Rita."

"THE NIGHT ANGEL"

What attribute helped Nancy Carroll most in bringing her to the pinnacle of cinema fame—her good looks, her charm, her natural ability as an actress of roles ranging from dulcet sweet to deep dramatic?

The impelling force was her ability to work. Born in modest circumstances in New York City, one of the large family raised by Thomas and Anne La Hiff, who are respectively from County Claire and County Roscommon, in Ireland, Nancy was introduced to a childhood of schoolbooks, and roller-skating on the sidewalk, and eating ice-cream cones, just like thousands of other young New Yorkers.

At the age of 15, or thereabouts, Nancy decided that the theatre was her destiny. With her sister she practised dancing, and when a local talent contest was announced for vaudeville house in New York City, they entered and won first prize as the best dance team. Then followed several years of "hoofing", until, after three weeks in the chorus of "The Passing Show of 1923", she was singled out for the leading feminine role of the production.

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"THIS RECKLESS AGE"

"Gobos" and "Bloops" are two Hollywood mysteries that even all studio workers don't understand. Charles Rodgers who is heading the cast of Paramount's "This Reckless Age", with Richard Bennett, and Peggy Shannon, tells us what they are.

"A gobo is a tall, black panel, made of cardboard or of painted cloth tacked onto a wooden frame", Rodgers explains, "and is placed at an angle in front of the camera to keep to direct light rays from lamps from striking the lens. It's the same idea as the amateur photographer shading the sun's rays from his lens."

"The bloop", Rogers explains, "is a button, like a doorbell, on the outside of the camera, which, when pressed, registers on the film the beginning and the end of a scene." "This Reckless Age" comes to the King's Theatre next Thursday. It is a comedy-drama of parents who sacrifice everything for their care-free and unconventional children. It has action, some heart-throbs and abundant humour.

"OVER THE HILL"

Henry King, whose Fox production, "Over the Hill", featuring James Dunn, Sally Eilers and Mae Marsh, which opens next Saturday at the King's Theatre, is one of the few directors who have won the Photoplay Magazine Gold Medal.

This reward is issued yearly to the director of the picture chosen as the best of that year, and it was the silent version of "Tolable David" that put Mr. King in the gold medal circle. Among his other outstanding productions are "Mere Mary Ann", "Lightnin'" and "Stella Dallas".

James Kirkwood, Claire Maynard, Edward Crandall and Olin Howland are among the other principals in this film, which was adapted by Tom Barry and Jules Furthman.

RADIO

TO-DAY'S PROGRAMME.

The following programme will be broadcast to-day from the Hong Kong Broadcasting Station Z.B.W. on a wavelength of 355 metres (845 K.C.s):—

6-8 p.m.—European Programme of Victor and H.M.V. Records: 6-6.16 p.m.—Orchestral.

Bolero (Ravel), Boston Symphony Orchestra under the direction of Serge Koussevitzky 7251/7252.

Gymnopedie No. 1 (Satie and Debussy), Boston Symphony Orchestra under the direction of Serge Koussevitzky 7252.

6.16-6.50 p.m.—A Concert.

Violin Solo—Macushia (Rowe-MacMurrrough, arr. Chomet), Renee Chomet 1442.

A Dream (Cory-Bartlett), Renee Chomet 1442.

Song—Beau Soir (Evening Fair) (Bourget-Debussy), Mary Garden (Soprano) 1439.

Piano Solo—Etude in A Minor (Mendelssohn), Etude in F Major (Mendelssohn), Sergei Rachmaninoff 1286.

Vocal Trio—When the Cock Begins to Crow (Purcell), "Three Etionians", R. G. Rowe, D. McKenna, K.S., M. McKenna, K.S. 32774.

Chorus—Eton Boating Song (Kaps), Eton College Musical Society 2774.

Violin Solo—Frasquita Serenade (Lehar), Kreisler Serenade (Lehar), Fritz Kreisler 1158.

Song—The Little Silver Ring (Chaminade), John McCormack (Tenor) 1303.

6.50-7.30 p.m.—Variety.

Song—Body and Soul, Humorous Song—You Can't Kill Flies by Scratching Them, Gracie Fields 33383.

Organ Solo—Orange Blossom Time, Your Mother and Mine, Sandy MacPherson 33169.

Humorous Song—What Did the Village Blacksmith Say?, Pokes-Oke-Oh, Leonard Henry 33013.

Piano Solo—She's Funny That Way, Wake Up and Dream—Medley, Carroll Gibbons 33031.

Vocal Duet—My Song of Love, Your Eyes, Wynne Melville and Derek Oldham 33854.

7.30-7.43 p.m.—Operatic.

Lohengrin—The Bridal Chorus (Wagner), Prelude Act III (Wagner), Symphony Orchestra conducted by Albert Coates 9005.

Samson and Delilah—Bacchanale (Saint-Saens), Philadelphia Symphony Orchestra under the direction of Leopold Stokowski 8823.

7.43-8 p.m.—Light Opera.

The Land of Smiles—Selection (Lehar), Symphony Orchestra C2227.

Duchess of Dantzig—Vocal Gems (Carroll), Light Opera Company C2262.

8 p.m.—Local Time

8.13-10 p.m.—Relay from the Ko Shing Theatre.

11.30 p.m.—Close Down.

All records in the above European Programmes are kindly supplied by Messrs. S. Moutrie & Co.

CITY SINKS IN LABYRINTH.

Italy, Apr. 4. Engineers drilled the surface of the earth in many places on Saturday in an effort to determine whether the remainder of the little city of Villa Santo Stefano, would sink into the labyrinth of old tunnels dug by the Romans 2000 years ago.

Already, a dozen houses are a heap of ruins at the bottom of a pit 40 or 50 feet below street level.

The great grotto into which the houses fell has not been explored but from the surface observers can see that it extends far beyond the limits of the hole.

POLICE ORDERS.

Appointments and Training.

The following orders have been issued by the Hon. Mr. T. H. King, Inspector-General of Police:

Chinese Company.

Appointment.—The following notification in the Hong Kong Government Gazette is repeated for information of all ranks.

The Hong Kong Government Gazette of May 6, 1932, Notification No. 271.

"His Excellency the Governor has been pleased to appoint Mr. T'so Tsun On to be an Assistant Superintendent of Police (Reserve), with effect from May 1, 1932."

Training Course—Part II.—All recruits will attend at the Chinese Company's Headquarters to-day at 5.30 p.m. for instruction.

Revolver Practice.—Revolver practice will be carried out by members of the Chinese Company on the Kennedy Road Range to-morrow at 5.30 p.m. Members will assemble at the Range at that time. All recruits must attend.

Training Course—Part I.—All recruits of the Chinese Company will attend Central Police Station for Squad Drill on Thursday, May 12 at 5.30 p.m.

N.C.O.'s Class.—All N.C.O.'s will attend the Chinese Company's Headquarters on Friday, May 13 at 4 p.m. for examination under Mr. Paterson, P.P.T.S.

Indian Company.

Strength.—Constable R260 Juma Ali has been permitted to resign from the Indian Company as from May 1, 1932.

Training Course—Part II.—All members who have not passed Part II. of Training Course should attend at the Chinese Company's Headquarters, 17, Queen's Road Central on Thursday, May 12 at 5.30 p.m.

Flying Squad.

Strength.—Constable R303 Shing Hon-ying has been taken on the strength of the Flying Squad, and posted to the Hong Kong Section as from May 6, 1932.

Race Duty.—All members who have been detailed for Race duties on Saturday and Monday, May 14 and 16 will report in accordance with Orders issued by the O.J.C. Unit.

Reserve Emergency Unit.

Defendu Class.—The regular weekly Defendu Class will meet in the gymnasium at Central, on Thursday, May 12 at 5.30 p.m.

Revolver Practice.—A revolver practice for men of the Sniper Section will be held on the Kennedy Road Range on Friday, May 13 at 5.15 p.m. Men will assemble outside Queen's Pier, at 5.10 p.m. with their belts, holsters, and revolvers. Uniform optional.

UNCLAIMED TELEGRAMS.

The following unclaimed telegrams are lying at the office of the Great Northern Telegraph Company (Limited) of Denmark:

Henry, from Shanghai. Jobicum, from Shanghai. Lois Frost, Peninsula Hotel, from Shanghai.

Sir Cecil Kaye, Passenger, Ranpura, from Shanghai. Wallace, from Shanghai.

F. V. JENSEN, Superintendent. Hong Kong, May 4, 1932.

The following unclaimed telegrams are lying at the Eastern Extension Telegraph Co.'s office:—

Dr. Murphy, care of Gilman Co., from Singapore. Notnilim, from London.

C. C. CLARKE, Manager. Hong Kong, April 28, 1932.

SHADOWS BEFORE

COMING EVENTS ADVERTISED IN CHINA MAIL.

Social Functions.

To-day—Tea Dances at Hong Kong Hotel and King's Restaurant; Dinner Dances at Hong Kong, and Peninsula Hotels, and King's Restaurant.

Entertainments.

To-day—King's Theatre: "The Night Angel."

To-day—Queen's Theatre: "Danger Lights"; also Aleko, Panthea Company.

To-day—Central Theatre: "Peking of Yesterday."

To-day—Majestic Theatre: "Little Johnny Jones."

To-day—Star Theatre: "Common Clay."

Lammerts' Auction.

May 13—At Sales Room, house—Siberia (Porthos); Outward for hold furniture, 2.30 p.m.

Home Mails.

To-day—Inward from Europe via (President McKinley), 10.30 a.m.; America and Europe via Siberia for Europe via Suez (Porthos), 1.30 p.m.

To-morrow—Inward from America and Europe via Siberia (Empress of Asia); Outward for Europe via Suez (Antenor) 2.30 p.m.

Meetings.

May 12—A. S. Watson & Co., Ltd., 11.30 a.m. at Hong Kong Hotel.

May 18—Fifty-first ordinary meeting of Indo-China Steam Navigation Co., Ltd., Messrs. Jardine Matheson's Offices, noon.

May 19—Fifty-first ordinary General Meeting of The Canton Insurance Office, Ltd., Messrs. Jardine Matheson's Offices, noon.

May 27—Union Insurance Society of Canton, Ltd., 56th meeting, Messrs. Jardines Offices, 11 a.m.

May 27—China Fir Insurance Co., Ltd., 63rd Meeting, Messrs. Jardines Offices, 11.15 a.m.

May 27—British Traders' Insurance Co., Ltd., 66th meeting, Messrs. Jardines Offices 11.20 a.m.

May 28—Extraordinary general meeting of A. S. Watson & Co., Ltd., 11.30 a.m., at Hong Kong Hotel.

Miscellaneous.

May 25—May Settlement of Hong Kong Stock Exchange and H.K. Sharebrokers' Association.

WORLD'S OLDEST RUBAIYAT.

A valuable manuscript copy of the "Rubaiyat of Omar Khayyam," which is claimed to be the oldest "Rubaiyat" manuscript in existence, has been found in possession of an Indian family at Lucknow. It had lain unnoticed for generations.

Copied in the year 1423, the manuscript is 37 years older than the world-famous Ouseley "Rubaiyat" manuscript in the Bodleian Library at Oxford; which for a century had been acknowledged to be the oldest in existence.

YESTERDAY'S SOLUTION.

STUDY SPART SPOT
HATE PEACE HOME
EYES INTER ARIA
DESCENDS RIVETS
AGES DICE
CLINGS SOBEREST
HINTS CHILL SATE
ABA SHALE BOS
TEND VARY SPENT
SLEEPERS SCALE
REPORT DEFERRED
EARS ECLAT NICE
ANNA ROUAE TOTE
CEED STEER STOP

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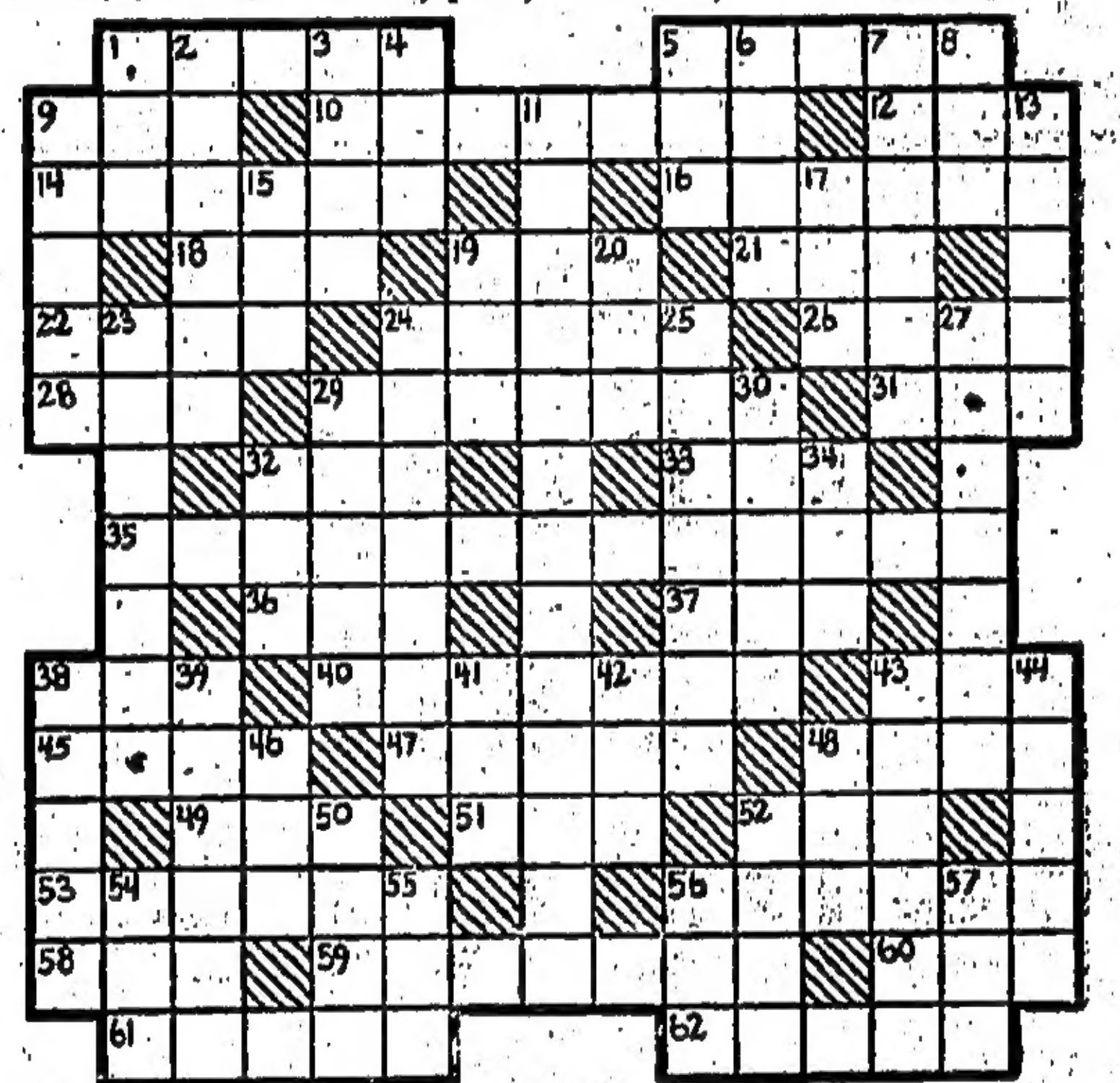
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DAILY CROSS-WORD PUZZLE.

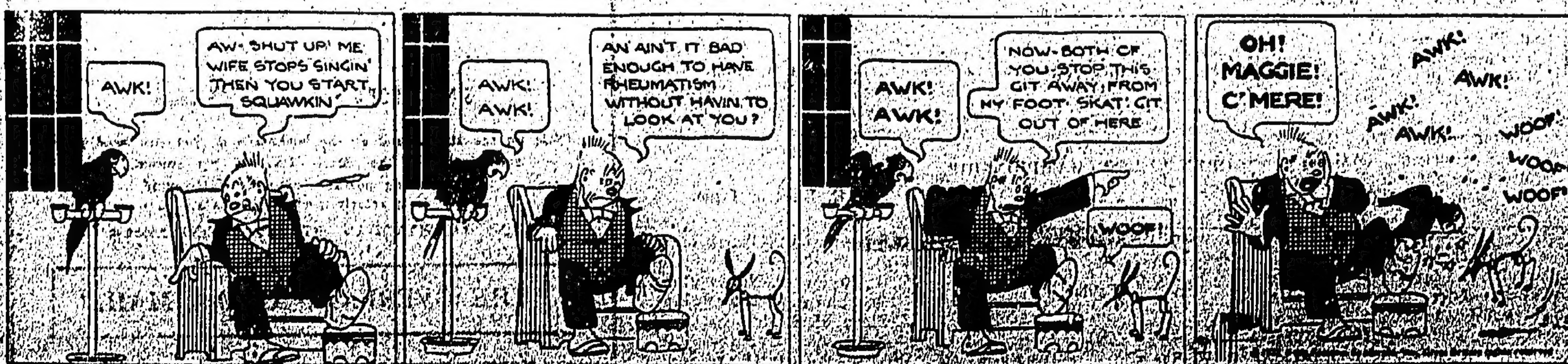
(This cross-word puzzle has been made by an expert but our readers are warned to look out for occasional phonetic spellings, such as harbor, plow, and altho.)



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| HORIZONTAL | HORIZONTAL (Cont.) | VERTICAL (Cont.) |
| 1—A fixed quantity of yarn. | 48—Fixed. | 13—Heavy. |
| 5—Main artery. | 51—Meshwork. | 15—Small bed. |
| 9—Part of foot. | 52—Vehicle. | 17—Middle. |
| 10—City in California. | 53—Penetrates. | 19—Wonder. |
| 12—Alderman (abbr.). | 56—Flag. | 20—Tens (abbr.). |
| 14—Selects. | 58—Edge of fish. | 22—Inhabitant of. |
| 16—Agile. | 59—Hawing neither column nor pillar (Arch.). | 24—Ringlets. |
| 18—Nash (Swedish). | 60—Point of compass (abbr.). | 26—Published at regular intervals (pl.). |
| 19—Agent (abbr.). | 61—Part of the stomach of a ruminant used for food. | 27—Menor. |
| 22—Used to make a pillow. | 62—Talk gossamer. | 28—Crash. |
| 24—A pain. | | 30—A ball. |
| 25—Condensed moisture (pl.). | | 32—High playing card. |
| 28—Mistake. | | 34—Garage. |
| 29—Crowded. | | 36—Gossip. |
| 31—Female deer. | | 38—Annoy. |
| 32—Exist. | | 41—An advance guard. |
| 33—Tap. | | 42—Allow. |
| 35—Essentialness. | | 44—National Academy of Sciences (abbr.). |
| 36—A letter of the alphabet. | | 46—Perceive. |
| 37—Perform. | | 48—Moved rapidly. |
| 38—Juice of plants. | | 50—Ensnare. |
| 40—City in Spain. | | 52—Head. |
| 42—Distance (abbr.). | | 54—Used in negotiation. |
| 45—Units. | | 56—Point of compass (abbr.). |
| 47—Rescues. | | 58—Obstruct. |
| 49—Enraptured. | | 60—Printer's measure (pl.). |

(The solution of the above cross-word puzzle will appear in to-morrow's issue along with a new cross-word puzzle.)

Bringing Up Father.



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THE CASE FOR A NEW JURY

"THE OVERLAND CHINA MAIL"

BUNNY AUSTIN AND DAVIS CUP

RECOVERS FROM MINOR OPERATION

IN PRACTICE FOR BRITAIN'S VITAL MATCHES.

ITALY GAIN ADVANTAGE

Our own Correspondent sends reassuring news regarding the recovery of "Bunny Austin," Great Britain's No. 1 ranking player. An operation to his nose proved to be very satisfactory, and he is now able to indulge in fairly strenuous practice matches. He has by no means fully recovered, but the mere fact that he has again gone into practice has been sufficient to send British stock sky high. Great optimism prevails regarding Britain's chances of wresting the Davis Cup from the tenacious grip of the French defenders.

Italy, without the services of their mainstay Baron de L. Morpurgo, were able to annex both singles matches against her Egyptian opponents. An exciting conclusion was witnessed at Prague where Czechoslovakia staged a remarkable last minute but unavailing recovery. Monaco found little difficulty in defeating Norway by the maximum margin.

Genoa, Yesterday.

At the conclusion of the first day's play in the Davis Cup match between Italy and Egypt the European country had gained a two to nil advantage as the result of two singles victories.

Results as cabled by Reuter were as follows:—
De Stefani (Italy) beat Pierre Grandguillot (Egypt) 9-7, 6-1, 6-4.
De Minerbi (Italy) beat Wahid (Egypt) 6-3, 8-6, 6-8, 6-3.

INDIA ELIMINATED BY GERMANY.

Doubles Pair Lose Grip.

Berlin, Yesterday.
By winning the doubles match here to-day Germany defeated India by three matches to nil.

Results as cabled by Reuter were as follows:—
Dissart and Mourney (Germany) beat Chorani and Prasada (India) 6-4, 2-6, 3-6, 6-2, 6-3.

MONACO'S SWEEPING VICTORY.

Norway Routed.

Oslo, Yesterday.
Monaco's singles players succeeded in annexing the remaining two matches in their encounter with Norway thus giving Monaco a sweeping victory by five matches to nil.

Results as cabled by Reuter were as follows:—
Landau (Monaco) beat Hagen (Norway) 6-1, 4-6, 6-0.
Gallepe (Monaco) beat Torkildsen (Norway) 6-1, 6-1, 6-0.

Earlier Results.
Gallepe and Landau (Monaco) beat Haanes and Finn-Smith (Norway) 6-2, 6-1, 6-1.
Gallepe (Monaco) beat Hagen (Norway) 6-3, 6-4, 6-8, 6-1.
Landau (Monaco) beat Torkildsen (Norway) 7-5, 6-2, 6-2.

Merritt Arrives In England

"I Do Not Intend To Qualify For the County"

London, April 7.

W. E. Merritt, the young New Zealand slow bowler, arrived in London yesterday in order to take up his engagement with the Rishion (Lancashire League) club.

Five years ago, Merritt, a school-boy of eighteen, was unknown as a cricketer. Just before the New Zealand team to tour England was selected in 1927 his bowling feats began to attract attention in third grade cricket, but his selection as a member of the team was regarded as a very risky experiment. One of the selectors had never seen Merritt bowl, and he had to give a special performance at the nets for his benefit. During the tour he took 168 wickets in all matches, and when at his best had England's greatest batsmen in trouble. He came to England again last year and played a big part in the sensational defeat of the M.C.C. at Lord's. Interviewed yesterday, Merritt stated that he had accepted an engagement with Rishion largely because of the fact that he wished to make a great fight.

SECOND ROUND DRAW IN DAVIS CUP.

BRITAIN'S DEBUT.

The draw for the Second Round in the European Zone is as follows:—

Great Britain v. Rumania.
Poland v. Holland.
Ireland v. Hungary.
Germany v. Austria.
Monaco v. Switzerland.
Italy or Egypt v. Spain.
Denmark v. Yugoslavia.

WASHINGTON WIN AGAIN.

Increase Lead in American Baseball League.

New York, Yesterday.
The followings were the results of the Baseball games played to-day:—

National League.			
Cincinnati	4	Philadelphia	3
Lombard and Lee both hit home runs.			
Pittsburgh	5	Boston	6
(After twelve innings.)			
St. Louis	7	Brooklyn	6
Cucinello hit a home run.			
American League.			
Washington	3	Cleveland	0
Reynolds hit a home run.			

TABLES TO DATE.

National League.			
	P.	W.	L.
Chicago	22	16	6
Boston	21	13	8
Cincinnati	24	13	11
Philadelphia	21	11	10
St. Louis	24	11	13
New York	20	9	11
Brooklyn	20	7	13
Pittsburgh	22	7	15
American League.			
	P.	W.	L.
Washington	22	17	5
New York	17	11	6
Detroit	19	12	7
Cleveland	26	16	10
St. Louis	24	11	13
Philadelphia	20	8	12
Chicago	22	6	16
Boston	20	4	16

CRICKET CHAMPIONS AND Their Rivals

Who Will Challenge Yorkshire in 1932?

PROMISE OF NOTTS.

By E. W. SWANTON.

It never is to the good in a sporting competition for one side to establish anything like a monopoly, and that is what, at first sight, Yorkshire threatened to do once more when they won the County Cricket Championship last Summer. Their success for four consecutive years, from 1922 until 1925, warned us that when once they get to the top they take a great deal of shifting.

Moreover, Yorkshire's triumph in 1931 was the work of the survivors of the old brigade plus young men, of a calibre, not to be matched every season, like Bowes and Verity. Fortunately, however, there are counties whose resources appear not noticeably less promising, and Yorkshire themselves have their misfortunes, so that though they may win again there is a welcome prospect of openness about the competition in 1932.

There seems to be some doubt still as to how the Yorkshire captaincy will be filled; but if, as has been suggested, it becomes anything like a dual office the efficiency of the side can hardly be suffering.

When F. E. Greenwood is away the batting also will lose much in attractiveness, and dependability in the middle of the order, and this loss will not be all. Rhodes has been followed into retirement by Robinson and Oldroyd, cricketers, every one of their inches and both the personification of the grit and determination for which their county is famed. Robinson's all-round abilities will be missed as much as Rhodes' often exuberant but never careless extravagance. The loss of these two valuable limitations of W. M. Woodfull.

SHANGHAI CRICKET TRIAL.

Light-Hearted Turn-Out Described

IMPRESSIONS OF CHINA PRESS.

Shanghai, April 31.
Local cricketers held their first practice of the season yesterday on the Cricket Club's ground in preparation for the interport match against Hong Kong which is scheduled to take place on May 20, 21 and 23.

The leading players in this city were seen in action and the practice was held in the form of a match between teams captained by the veterans, Donald Leach and Torry Wilson. The following availed themselves of the excellent weather and opportunity to get into form:—
Leach's XI:—D. W. Leach, P. V. Simpson, S. R. Kermann, A. J. C. G. W. Robson, L. F. Stokes, A. C. Sinclair, Capt. A. L. S. Harris, F. Marshall, M. J. Divecha, J. M. Pearson, W. H. Finlay, E. H. Anstie, J. T. Hegarty.

Wilson's XI:—T. W. R. Wilson, C. G. W. Robson, L. F. Stokes, A. C. Sinclair, Capt. A. L. S. Harris, F. Marshall, M. J. Divecha, J. M. Pearson, W. H. Finlay, E. H. Anstie, J. T. Hegarty.

Light-Hearted Game.

No serious consideration was given to individual scores and success at bowling as the players came on and went off at leisure, some staying on for a second attempt with the bat when they failed to get into the swing of the game on being dismissed. The occasion was therefore in the nature of an outing for the players, and doubtless further practices will be held before the final selection takes place.

Robson Shows Good Form.
Wilson's side had first knock while Elliott, Booth, Leach, Thomson and Knight bowled for the opposition. Robson, a newcomer, was seen to advantage as one of the opening bats for Wilson's team. He knocked up 35 and retired with his first dismissal. Stokes, who partnered him, stayed in for a second knock after being cleaned bowled by the first ball.

Wilson Reliable.
Torry Wilson cleared all doubts about a bad arm when he took on the first over and bowled long enough to reveal that he is still reliable. Stokes, Capt. Harris, He-

FRED PERRY SECURES NEW TITLE.

Defeats Irish Champion After Five Sets.

GRUELLING FIVE SETS.

Bournemouth, May 1.
In the final round of the British mixed doubles clay court championships which took place here yesterday, M. Martin Legeay and Mme. Mathieu of France defeated Fred Perry and Miss Hedley of Britain, the holders, by winning in straight sets 6-2, 6-0. In the final of the men's singles, Perry defeated Rogers of Ireland, 4-6, 7-8, 6-3, 6-0, 6-2 in one of the hardest clay-court matches ever fought in Bournemouth.

The semi-final in the ladies' doubles championship in which Mme. Mathieu and Miss Montgomery were to play against Mrs. Godfrey and Miss Sterry, has been postponed to Monday owing to bad weather, after each side had won one set. The men's doubles title was retained by Perry and Olliff, their adversaries, Monzel and Martin—having defaulted.

BETTY LOSES TO FRENCH STAR.

Straight Sets.

London, April 30.
In the semi-final round of the British Women's Clay Court Singles championships, Mme. Mathieu, titleholder, defeated Miss Betty Nuthall, the British ace, by 6-3, 6-8.
The French defender, who played a smashing game, will play the final round to-morrow and is favoured to retain her title.

garty and Mansel-Smith also took turns, the last named; particularly, shaping the best.

Kermann Very Safe.
Sam Kermann appeared quite at home behind the wickets, in fact, he showed a liking for the position of wicketkeeper as he only took off the gloves during his knock. One of the reasons was that Coward happened to be on the same side and nobody seemed too eager to face the deliveries of the bowlers.—China Press.

with more opportunities, accomplished most in 1931, but two others with the right blood in their veins, the sons of Gunn and Hardstaff, showed at various times their ability to carry on the family traditions. Altogether, Nottingham, with A. W. Carr again as captain, have as good prospects of the championship as any side.

Sheet Anchor of Their Bowling.
Only Leicestershire and Surrey in 1931 finished fewer games than Lancashire, who since have dispensed with the services of Richard Tyldesley, with Macdonald the very substantial sheet-anchor of their bowling for years. Lancashire are faced with the serious business of restocking their attack, and it may be a year or two before they are able to challenge the leaders very seriously.

Macdonald has been a great force, but it is no good looking again to him. He is over 40, and so has exceeded by nearly ten years the average life of a fast bowler.

Among the Southern counties, with whose prospects I shall deal later in greater detail, none are more happily placed than Sussex. They probably are the youngest side in the competition, and no one seeing them in the field would think otherwise. Sussex finished fourth last season, and they might justly have been higher if rain had not prevented the finishing of several games that had gone all in their favour.

As long as Freeman is Freeman Kent cannot help doing well, but also it may be doubted whether, until he is given better support at the other end, they can assume quite that extra effectiveness that would enable an enterprising captain like A. P. F. Chapman to lead them to victory.

Surrey, with the regular presence of D. R. Jardine and P. R. Brown, have better reason for optimism than for several seasons, and Middlesex have so much talent that it is hard to see how they can fail to be a true cricketer's favourite.

With the passing of Gunn several promising young players have obtained themselves. Kent, Leicestershire, and Surrey, have obtained themselves. Kent, Leicestershire, and Surrey, have obtained themselves.

Racing Entries For Week-End Handicap Events for Sixth Extra Meeting

The entries for the Sixth Extra Race Meeting of the Hong Kong Jockey Club for Saturday and Monday are published below.

Sub-Griffins Summer Handicap, "First Division," seven furlongs.—Gold Bar, 140lb.; Whoopee, 140; Helder Skelter, 165; Siwash, 160; Bistre, 160; Lucky Prince, 140; Philanderer, 165; Valley Hall, 140; Echo, 140; The Rainstorm, 140; Mistletoe, 143.

Griffins Summer Handicap, "First Division," 1 mile.—Punch, 140; Bowery Bay, 140; White Jade Stag, 165; Workable Stag, 140; Meridian Stag, 161; Indiana, 140; Chateau Bay, 140; Kate, 140; The Lion, 140; Dec, 140; Cebu, 140; Princess Hall, 165; Doctor's Mandate, 160; Don, 163.

Whitsun Handicap, "C" Class, 1 1/4 miles.—Ajax, 140; Alexandra Hall, 164; Bistre, 160; Champagne Bay, 160; Imperial Hall, 160; Indiana, 165; Kate, 165; Marquis Hall, 161; Merry Thought, 140; Paul Fry, 145; Peppermint, 165; Philanderer, 165; Powhatan, 165; Punch, 165; San Francisco, 140; Snappy Eve, 140; The Lion, 160; Tommy Boy, 140; Wembley Stag, 162; Wonderful Stag, 140.

Victoria Park Handicap, six furlongs.—Aurora, 165; Babs, 168; Ganny, 165; Choy Pak, 165; Etzel, 165; Fred, 165; Gold Digger, 165; Joacum, 140; Lung Mui, 140; Mermaid, 165; Miss Jummy, 140; Retha, 160; The Baron, 160; The Giraffe, 160; Tin Tac, 160; Vesta, 149; Westland Stag, 170.

Griffins Summer Handicap, "Second Division," 1 mile.—Gold Ring, 155; Powerful King, 160; Silver Bell, 140; Merry Thought, 140; Alexandra Hall, 165; Cabinet Hall, 140; Snappy Eve, 148; Ajax, 140; Christmas Joy, 165; Tommy Boy, 148; Venus, 140; Toby, 140; Maple Leaf, 160.

Fourth Aggregate Stakes, one and a quarter miles.—Bag and Baggage, 148; Cyclamen Bay, 145; Glenegles, 163; Gold Key, 142; King's Bounty, 161; Sadko, 164; Sitting Bull, 147; Princess Hall, 164; Cupid, 161.

Whitsun Handicap, "A" and "B" Class, 1 1/4 miles.—Cyclamen Bay, 165; Fortune Bay, 155; Gold Key, 168; King's Justice, 145; Daylight Eye, 140; Doctor's Mandate, 148; Don, 147; King's Service, 140; Mike, 140; Princess Hall, 163; The Tiger, 140; Tiana, 144; Valorous, 168; Wisdom Stag, 140.

Sub-Griffins Summer Handicap, "Second Division," seven furlongs.—Horsody, 140; Firefly, 140; Trigo, 140; City of Shanghai, 140; Sunbeam, 140; Highjinks, 165; Dan'l Whiddon, 140; Hirwego, 140; Estrellita, 140; Malakit, 140; Gallant Fox, 160; Public Money, 140; Banjolina, 160; Valeta, 140; Jupiter, 140; Until Then, 165; Buchanan, 165; Pocahontas, 162; Fighting Blood, 160.

Whitsun Handicap, "D" Class, 1 1/4 miles.—Aircraft, 168; Banjolina, 140; Blue Heaven, 140; Cabinet Hall, 140; Cebu, 165; Christmas Joy, 149; Cloudy Eve, 165; Cy-pres, 144; Just Imagine, 146; Helvellyn, 164; Mistletoe, 142; One Third, 162; Silver Bell, 145; Siwash, 168; Sunbeam, 140; The Gadwall, 165; The Plover, 161; The Rainstorm, 143; The Shoveller, 164; Until Then, 140; Valley Hall, 145.

Bank Holiday Handicap, 1 mile.—Gold Key, 165; Gold Ring, 140; Paul Pry, 140; Nippy, 148; White Jade Stag, 161; Scrapple, 140; Movie Star, 140; Fortune Bay, 162; Wisdom Stag, 140; Mike, 140; Chateau Bay, 140; Tiana, 161; Devon, 140; The Tiger, 147; The Lion, 140; King's Service, 140; Peppermint, 140; Valorous, 165; Alexandra Hall, 140; Valorous, 165; Daylight Eye, 140; Gay Crusader, 165; Sanction, 140.

Second Day's Entries.
MAY Handicap, one and a half miles.—Bag and Baggage, Gay Crusader, 165; Key, King's Justice, Sitting Bull, Daylight Eye, Des. Mike, Princess Hall, The Tiger, King's Wisdom Stag, 140; Valorous, 165; Alexandra Hall, 140; Valorous, 165; Daylight Eye, 140; Gay Crusader, 165; Sanction, 140.

Lantau Handicap, "D" Class, six furlongs.—Amon, Banjolina, 160; Buchanan, 165; Cabinet Hall, 140; Cebu, Christmas Joy, Cloudy Eve, Devon, Eddy, Firefly, 165; Frillery, Glorious Stag, Gold Bar, Just Imagine, King's, Nippy, Mistletoe, One Third, Pure Music, 160.

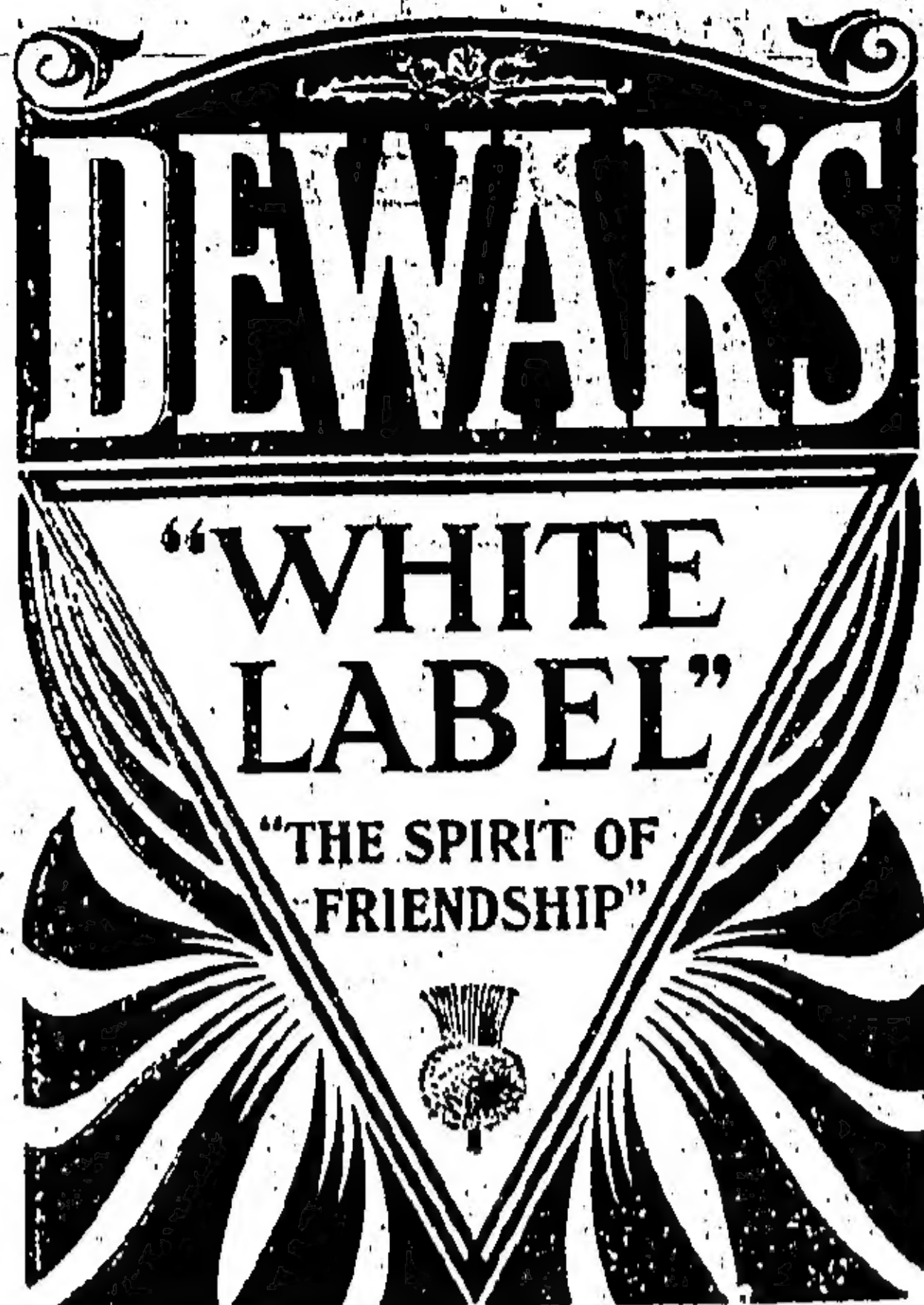
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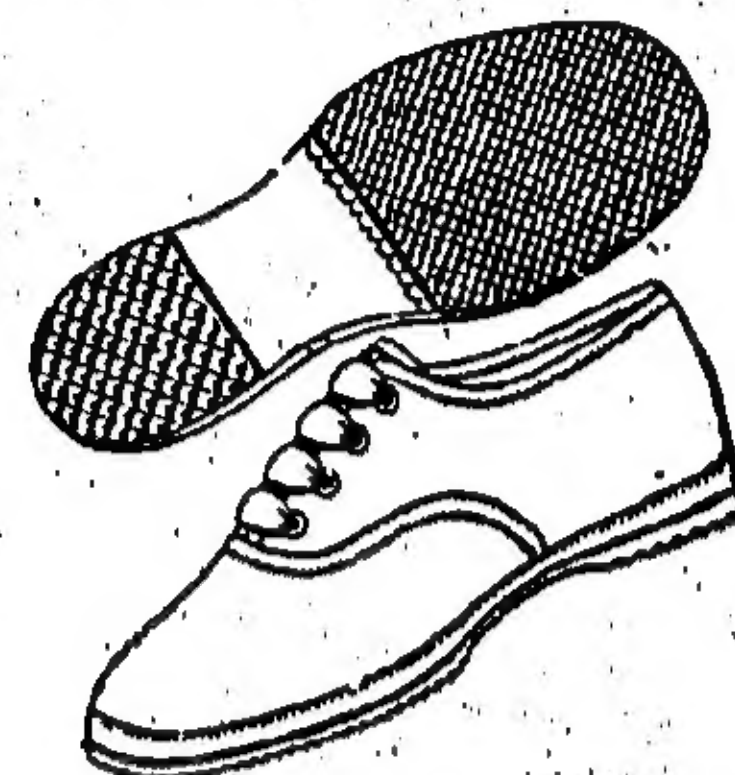
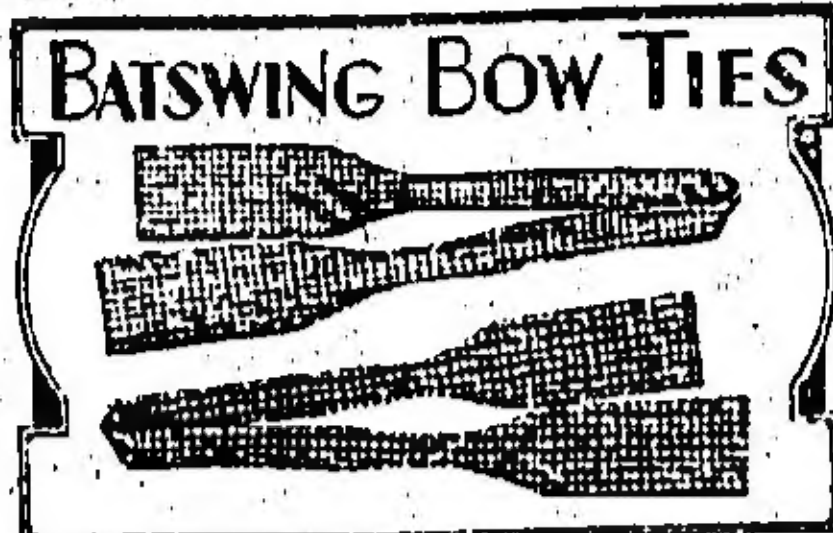
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Hong Kong, Tuesday, May 10, 1932.

The French Stand.

The defeat of Tardieu at the French elections will not be welcomed in many quarters and diplomats are presented with another problem in the already complicated European situation. The many and vitally important coming conferences on matters which require immediate remedy, such as war debts, reparations, trade treaties, etc., call for a harmonious spirit of international co-operation, and it is feared that the Socialist's success in France will prejudice the chances of success at the forthcoming conferences. French persistence on war debts and reparations has been the stumbling-block to arrival at any satisfactory settlement of the German and French differences, and now that the more moderate Right Parties have been defeated the French attitude is likely to become more extreme.

French politics have always puzzled outsiders, and it is shrewdly suspected, the French people themselves. The variety and number of the Parties, the many complex issues, the instability of all Governments and the rapid changes in Cabinets and administrations perplex observers. No leader can gain power by the strength of his own party alone, and he depends on the support on a group of parties, whose agreement on several matters may be by no means unanimous. The combination forming the Government is liable to disruption at any moment, as any of the smaller parties may break away if the policy is not to their liking. Usually the issue is between the Right and the Left, the latter being formed mainly of Radicals and Socialists, while the Right bloc comprises the more moderate elements. Often the Centre Party holds the balance of power, and its influence can seldom be wholly ignored. Until three months ago, when Tardieu formed his Government, Pierre Laval had kept his Government in power by the surprising support of the Centre Party. His downfall is generally attributed to his failure

with Briand, and to his failure on his visit to the United States when he spent several days with President Hoover, without, however, securing any real results.

Laval's downfall was most inappropriate as it occurred at the opening of the Disarmament Conference, at a time when world leaders were meeting at Geneva. Painleve, an outstanding figure since the War, was called on to form a Cabinet, but he failed to secure sufficient support. Tardieu was then summoned and he combined a number of different parties, mostly moderates, to form a Cabinet which included Laval. It was generally thought that Tardieu would gain the country's confidence, and his surprising reverses at the second balloting were startling. The effect on international affairs will be a disturbing one, and policies will have to be amended in view of the new influence in Paris. The present is a momentous period and any radical change in France's policy would be disastrous to the hopes for any new international co-operation. Many see sinister signs in Tardieu's defeat, as his foreign policy must have met with popular disfavour. There is consolation in the reflection that the new President, the successor of the late M. Doumer, will be a Moderate in the person of M. Le Brun. Had the vacancy been caused a few days later, after the election of Painleve, through the support of Socialists and Radicals, would have been certain. The President of France is not as powerful a figure as the President of the United States, his sphere of influence being much more limited, but he is important enough to play a big part in the formation of Cabinets when a crisis threatens. The personnel and policy of the new Government will be anxiously awaited and all will hope that France will appoint diplomatic representatives empowered to assist the movement towards co-operation on international problems.

The annual prize giving of the St. Mary's School of the Sacred Heart, which took place on Monday evening last, was a most successful and enjoyable affair. The principal, Miss M. J. O'Connell, presided over the ceremony, and the prizes were distributed to the scholars who had achieved the highest marks in their respective classes. The school has a long and distinguished history, and its success is a credit to the efforts of the principal and the staff. The prizes were presented to the scholars in a most fitting manner, and the ceremony was a most successful one. The school has a long and distinguished history, and its success is a credit to the efforts of the principal and the staff. The prizes were presented to the scholars in a most fitting manner, and the ceremony was a most successful one.

Correspondence.

MIXED NUDISTS IN HONG KONG.

[The Editor, "China Mail."]
Sir,—Recently some remarks were passed in the local Press to the effect that the efforts of Nudists seem not to have led them anywhere. It is therefore time to let the poor in faith in the success of Mixed Nudism in our Colony know, that our trials and efforts have not been in vain, for not only have they strengthened our Ranks, but to-day the Hong Kong Nudist Society have also their very excellent Nudist Grounds and Fields with a large fresh water river frontage, providing most excellent bathing and swimming facilities, the depth of the water being from 4 to 10 feet in the dry season. The total area obtained by the Hong Kong Nudist Society is about one and a quarter acres, and comprises even land only surrounded by steep and gently rising mountains from three sides, the fourth side, whilst providing an easy access from a motor road, is yet entirely hidden by a turn of the river. The site is uninhabited and sufficiently secluded from all sides. It provides excellent opportunities for the laying out of tennis grounds, and all sport activities, swimming, running, air and sun baths, etc., and there is plenty of space for erecting matchsheds and all structures without encroaching on the open air space. Some Nudists have already made use of the place, although some groundwork is necessary to free the site of some shrubs on the water front, and to give the site a smooth surface. The Site Committee and the Working Committee have been very busy and are greatly indebted to several persons whose identity it is not yet free to reveal. The Nudist Idea has a very good foundation, and is supported by more people in this Colony than our few adversaries would make it believe. A general meeting of members and supporters will take place this or early next week, when further information might be given out.

All for Mixed Nudism in lovely surroundings, away from dusty crowds and unhealthy wet clothing.

Yours, etc.,
HERBERT E. LANEPART,
President, H.K. Nudist Society,
P.O. Box No. 304.
Hong Kong, May 10.

SANITARY BOARD ELECTION.

[The Editor, "China Mail."]

Sir,—As to-day is the election day, I should like to summarise the points in favour of the rival candidates urged by their respective supporters.

As I understand it, Mr. Mow Fung's chief, and indeed only, qualification is that by reason of his 37 years' residence in Hong Kong he is conversant with the sanitary requirements of the Colony in general and Kowloon in particular.

Dr. Li's residence in the Colony is certainly not shorter than Mr. Mow Fung's, as I understand that Dr. Li was born in the Colony some forty-eight years ago. Dr. Li is not only a medical practitioner but is also a public health expert, and his experiences as a medical man amongst the poor and 'slum' parts of Victoria and Kowloon will enable him to have a far better insight into the sanitary requirements of the Colony as a whole.

It cannot be stressed too often that the constitution of the Sanitary Board is statutory; it is fixed by Ordinance. Under the constitution, only two of its members are elected by public votes. As one of these elected members, Dr. Bastin, is already on the Committee of the K.R.A. the only question remains is whether the other elected member is also to be a direct nominee of the K.R.A.

RECORD POLLING AT TO-DAY'S ELECTION.

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It will be learned with no little surprise that of a total population in the Colony of 849,751, only about 2,500 are entitled to vote in an election. These are those whose names are on the Jury List, and others who come under what is known as Part II, or the exempted list, such as lawyers and their clerks, medical men, dentists, and journalists.

Few Voters Eligible.
Not all members of the professions named above were entitled to vote, however. For the purpose of this election it was decreed that those who were not in the Jury List must make special application to be listed as exempted persons, before April 25. Several were obviously not aware of this, because when they arrived at the polling office it was found that they were disqualified from voting.

Election Placards.
At the west entrance of the long corridor leading to the polling office are exhibited two big placards "Vote for Mow Fung" in huge black letters, and "Vote for Li Shu-fan" in smaller red letters. Tramcars also bore placards on their fronts calling for votes for both candidates.

The distinction of being the first person to register a vote in to-day's election falls to Dr. E. W. Kirk who entered the polling office as soon as it was opened. He was followed by about a dozen others, and by the time these had registered their votes, others had arrived and the corridor remained full throughout the morning, but there was never any undue rush.

Three European Police Officers were on duty in the corridor and conducted the voters through one door, and after they had voted they were shown out of the polling office through another door.

Candidates Attend.
Both candidates with their supporters were present a few minutes before the polling was opened, and while Dr. Li Shu-fan remained till noon, Mr. Mow Fung left after the first batch had voted.

There was more organisation in Dr. Li Shu-fan's "camp." In the corridor were seen several Chinese with strips of pink ribbon on their coats with the words "Dr. Li Shu-fan's Supporter," and these assisted the candidate to welcome the voters. They had dummy voting forms on a table at which they showed the voters exactly what they had to do before showing them into the polling office.

No Secret.
Although newspaper men were not allowed to enter the polling office, and in spite of the fact that there is no automatic count of the votes, which will not start until 5.30 p.m. when the polling will be closed, it was not difficult, after spending a couple of hours in the corridor, to get an indication as to how the voting was going.

Each candidate and his supporters seemed to know their particular voters and welcomed them upon arrival. The few whose leanings were not known upon arrival were also not difficult to identify, because not knowing their way about they invariably inquired which way to go to vote and in practically every instance they gave away the name of the person they wished to vote for to the first person they approached for direction.

Dr. Li Leading?
In this way anyone watching the crowds as they arrive could get a fair idea of the way the

tain medical and health measures which Dr. Li Shu-fan has shown to be absolutely ill-conceived and chimerical. If Mr. Mow Fung could have his way, Hongkong would have to 'shut up shop' in no time!

I have never had the slightest hesitation as to which of the two candidates I should vote for, and I think that the electors in general should have no difficulty either. My candidate is Dr. Li Shu-fan.

Yours faithfully,
A SCOTSMAN.

voting was going inside the polling office, and up to noon indications were that Dr. Li Shu-fan was leading at least three to one.

It was also easily seen that local doctors, and members of the legal profession were for Dr. Li Shu-fan practically to a man. There was also no difficulty in discovering that those voters who are known to be residents on this side of the harbour were declared voters for Dr. Li Shu-fan before they entered the polling office.

"District Sense."
The "district sense" was very much in evidence, but while Hong Kong residents were with-declared voters for Dr. Li Shu-fan, at least a dozen who are known to live on the mainland declared themselves for Dr. Li before entering the polling office.

Both the Hon. Sir Henry Pollock, K.C., and Sir Shou-son Chow, respectively Dr. Li Shu-fan's proposer and seconder, arrived early to register their votes.

Mostly Chinese Voters.
The majority of voters up to noon were Chinese with a good sprinkling of Europeans of various nationalities. Portuguese residents of the Colony, the majority of whom are entitled to vote, being on the Jury List, did not show up in any large numbers up to noon. However, it must not be taken that this is a show of lack of interest, because they are all office workers and cannot get out during working hours. It is anticipated that they will go to the poll during the tiffin hour or after 5 p.m.

The big rush at the poll will be between 1 and 2 p.m. and 5 and 5.30 p.m., which is the closing time, because not only the Portuguese but many other voters will find it more convenient to go to the poll during their leisure. This rush is anticipated and provision has been made for it.

Counting To-day.
The votes will be counted at 5.30, immediately after the close of the polling and it is anticipated that the result will be known by 7 p.m. at the very latest, as the number of votes to be scrutinised and counted will not exceed 2,500, which is approximately the number of residents who have the necessary qualifications to vote, which are 21 years of age; a juror; or an exempted person under Part II, but the latter must have applied to be registered before April 25.

The votes will be counted at 5.30 p.m. by Mr. E. P. H. Lang, acting Registrar of the Supreme Court and with him will be four scrutineers, two representing each candidate.

Personal Pars.

Lady de Longeville Smith arrived in the Colony by the s.s. President McKinley yesterday. She is on a pleasure trip.

A prominent resident of Manila, Mr. M. de Corbatiarte, who is accompanied by his wife and daughter arrived by the s.s. President McKinley yesterday and will spend a vacation here.

Mr. M. B. Carroll, who is on a tour of investigation in the interests of the League of Nations passed through on the s.s. President McKinley en route to Tokyo. He is accompanied by Mrs. Carroll.

Friends of Mr. M. St. T. Walsh, manager of the British-American Tobacco Co., Ltd., will be pleased to learn that he has now left the War Memorial Hospital and returned to his residence, 250 The Peak.

Among the latest Naval appointments are Pay Lieut. W. J. Farrell to H.M.S. Tarantula (May 2), and Pay Cadet R. M. Garside to H.M.S. Barwick (May 30). Both ships belong to the China Station. The Barwick is at present at Home for reconditioning.

Judge Geo. H. Makolm of the Philippine Supreme Court was a passenger on the s.s. President McKinley which arrived at Hong Kong yesterday. He is accompanied by his mother as far as Hong Kong on her way back to San Francisco after visiting him at Manila.

LEA & PERRINS
SAUCE

CHARLIE CHAPLIN IN HONG KONG

(Continued from Page 1.)

The cinema reel will, it is understood, be shown shortly at the Queen's Theatre.

Shortly after, the pair left by the N.Y.K. launch for Hong Kong, where they hope to take a "casual look around." Their itinerary will include a visit to the Chinese Film studios at North Point, and a tour round the island.

Charlie's trip which has lasted for over 15 months has not been a holiday. Since leaving Singapore he has been engaged on a 15,000 word article of his travels for the Ladies Home Journal, a widely read American magazine, and he spends most of his mornings and some of the afternoons dictating to his temporary Secretary, Mrs. L. H. Bell, whom he engaged at Singapore to accompany him to Kobe. He averages 4,000 words per day. His chief recreation on board is reading. When a China Mail reporter paid a visit to his cabin early this morning Charlie was fast asleep. A second bed was piled high with books and a plump pot adorned the pillow. Clothes were hanging around in the most extraordinary places and a pillow was on the floor. Mr. Charles Chaplin is not a tidy man.

Charlie Given Interview.

When interviewed by pressmen in the lounge of the Terukuni Maru Mr. Chaplin said he was sorry the boat was leaving this evening, as it would make his stay here all too short. The Colony, he said, reminded him of Algiers, especially the leafy hills in the background.

"I have no fixed programme for the day," he said, "I want to be free to have a casual look around with my brother. We shall probably take a car ride around the island, and after tiffin pay a visit to the Chinese cinema studio at North Point, in which I am very interested. In fact we may take the new Chinese talking film 'Humanity' on board when we leave and have it shown during our trip to Japan. We were to have seen it and expressed our opinion this afternoon, but our stay is too short for that."

Back to Hollywood.

"After arriving in Japan, we shall have to be back in California within a month, as both Syd and I have work to do. I am going to produce another picture in my own studio in California, with an entirely new subject for the story, probably this year. In fact it is necessary that I get it going this year. It will not be a talkie but probably with sound effects, like 'City Lights.' I have not yet chosen my leading lady, but it will not be Miss Virginia Cherrill, as she is no longer working for me. Things are brewing in regard to the cast, but nothing is definite yet."

"I always work in the immediate, and never in the future, and things are never arranged until necessary," he smilingly added. Expressing his opinion of "talkies" Charlie said they made the motion picture more interesting, but have not improved them otherwise. "In fact," he said, "they detract from the art."

"I have no aversion to them as many people seem to think," he continued, "they have a great future, but my character is international, and is not adaptable to the talking screen."

"I seldom see a cinema show" he said, "in fact I am sometimes sick of my own pictures. From that you will gather I am not in a position to criticise British productions, and although I started my film career in 1913 and have been connected with it ever since, I could not name the most accomplished actor of to-day. Even if I could, I don't think I would commit myself."

When asked if he ever thought of producing pictures in England, Mr. Chaplin said that he had his own production sets in California, and could not afford to open a new studio in England.

Speaking on the possibility of his taking a straight dramatic role, he smilingly replied, "One never knows, it always depends on one's enthusiasm for a theme. I often feel that I would like to."

"This is the first real holiday I have taken," he said, "and I am enjoying it immensely," and by the time I arrive back I shall have been absent from my studio for practically a year and a half. The only thing that marred the trip was my attack of fever on the boat after leaving Batavia, and that I think worried Syd more than me. However, I am now almost as usual, except for a few days' fever, which I have now left behind me."

A correspondent of a Japanese paper on the boat asked Charlie to say "Hello Japan" through a microphone on his arrival in that country.

His reply was, "I never speak over the Radio, and I think the public know that only too well."

In regard to his refusal to appear at the Command Performance in London recently, and on the subject of the Prince of Wales, Charlie refused to enlighten his listeners. "I think that has been aired enough already, without my adding any more to it," he replied.

His Trip to Japan. Returning to comments on his trip, Charlie said he was looking forward to his visit to Japan very much, as he had many friends there. "I shall also enjoy watching the fencing, even if I do not indulge in the sport myself."

He contradicted the rumour that he would probably be taking screen actresses from Japan to America for his new production. "Why I may even lose my Japanese secretary there, as I hear that since he went on ahead of me, he has come into a fortune, and now spends all his time evading people."

"Maybe they are after his money," he laughed.

Concluding the interview, Charlie, in answer to questions, said he hoped that none of his old pictures would be revived, and as far as he knew they would not be.

"Why inflict those on the public?" he said.

IN A FAMILIAR POSE.



Charlie in a scene in one of the many film comedies he has produced.

Syd Is Up Early.

"Hello, I'll be out in a second, it's very early yet," said Syd Chaplin, who arrived in Hong Kong this morning, with his brother Charlie, when a "China Mail" reporter called for an interview. That was 6.45 a.m., but Syd's watch said 5.45 a.m. No wonder he was surprised.

Smartly attired in white with flowered tie and handkerchief to match, Mr. Syd Chaplin looked exceedingly well, and described the trip as being most delightful.

"Of course," he said, Charlie's attack of fever, marred it to some extent. He was in the best of health when we boarded the ship but shortly after his temperature went up to 104 without warning. No one seemed to be able to diagnose his ailment, so I sent out messages to other ships in the vicinity, explaining the symptoms, but as the ships, on that run, do not carry doctors, nothing could be done."

"We are both going back to the States, and will set in to work as soon as we get there. I may return to France, later for a production of 'Charlie's Aunt' which a French concern wish to produce. They want me for the leading part, and the rest of the cast will be French. I have made an excellent French actor, and they are keeping me open."

FRENCH ADMIRAL IN COLONY.

On "Waldeck Rousseau"

Admiral Herr Commander of the French Fleet in China, arrived in Hong Kong this morning on the French battleship, "Waldeck Rousseau" this morning on his way to France on retirement from China, and was accorded full naval salute.

He will leave the Colony on Friday morning for Saigon.

Like Monte Carlo.

"Not a bit like I expected," was the comment, as we walked along the deck to view the Island, "my first impression of Hong Kong is like Monte Carlo. I imagined Hong Kong a place with no hills, but what a surprise. Unfortunately our stay here is shorter than expected. We leave to-night, but shall spend the day having a quick look over the Colony."

"And what do you think," he laughed, "a Chinese motion picture concerned wanted me to view and give my opinion on a Chinese film—and me here to get away from motion pictures!"

"Talking of motion pictures," he said, "did you see 'The Better Ole'?" That is one of the best things I did. Bairnsfather, the author of the story, paid me a great compliment. He said my portrayal of the leading part was a just conception of the character."

"I met Bairnsfather in a dressing room at Los Angeles, and he first struck me as the slow-thinking type of an old bus conductor, with no sense of values."

"Yes, I like your Colony from what I have already seen," he said, when we returned along the deck. "It is justly called the 'Riviera of the East.'"

Switching back to the journey, Syd related an amusing incident while he and Charlie were flying from Surabaya to Batavia. Charlie noticed there were no wing struts on support, it was a high-wing monoplane type of plane, and he wanted to know how the body was supported. Oh! gee, he was nervous, and when the pilot told us he was going to fly over a volcano, Charlie said, "Don't trouble, we don't want to see it anyhow."

Both Like Flying.

"We have both done a lot of flying," he continued, "and I used to hold an interest in a big American flying concern just after the war." Giving his opinion on the "talkies," Syd said that they had come to stay, but a 75 per cent. acting and 25 per cent. talking picture would soon come into vogue.

"So many producers these days make the mistake of transferring stage plays to the screen as talkies without alterations," he said.

Changing the subject to travel once more, Syd said he was anxious to visit Australia. "I have heard so much about their generous hospitality. As we went below, I asked him what time his brother got up. 'Generally after nine,' he replied, 'and it is more than my life is worth to go in and wake him up.'"

"By the way," he said, pointing to the clock on the Railway Station Tower, which had stopped at 11.05 p.m. last night, "is that your nearest to correct time? Not a good advertisement for British efficiency is it?"

I saw Syd, 2½ hours later, concludes our correspondent, and he was still waiting for his brother to get up.

Early Days.

Mr. Charles Spencer Chaplin was born on April 16, 1889 at 287, Kensington Road, London, and educated at St. Mary-the-Leas School in the same suburb. His father, C. S. Chaplin, who died in 1902, aged 36 years, was a singer of descriptive songs, and his mother was a vaudeville singer and dancer who appeared under the name of Lil Harvey. His aunt, the late Miss Kate Mowbray, was also a music hall performer of repute.

After leaving school, he played the part of Billy, the page-boy, in a Sherlock Holmes skit in which William Gillette and Irene Vanburgh were the stars, at the Duke of York's Theatre, London (1905), and then made an unsuccessful debut at an East End music hall, as "Sam Cohen, the Jewish Comedian," though he was not a Jew.

In May 1906 he commenced a twelve-months' engagement, at 45 shillings a week, in juvenile sketch combination, in "Cassidy's Circus," and was so successful in his impersonations of

HONG KONG'S WATER PROBLEM

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any. I see no valid reason why this supply should not be tapped, as during a drought it would be invaluable as an emergency supply source."

Artesian Wells.

He explained that in Tientsin the population relied entirely on artesian wells, although they had in some cases to sink shafts as deep underground as 350 feet. In the event of the wells drying up during a drought, they could, of course, get supply from the Hi Ho River.

There were certain scientific disadvantages to the household use of sea water, of course, and that was a matter that would have to be gone into very carefully before such a scheme as that outlined by Dr. Balean were undertaken. There was a danger that, where used for flush purposes, sea water might cause an early corrosion of the lavatory fittings, though that could be overcome by the use of non-corrosive parts.

Evaporation.

It was almost impossible to separate the salt in sea water without first evaporating it. All water used on certain parts of the west coast of South America was obtained from the sea, and was distilled through evaporation, but the cost was terrific, and the consumers had to pay for their water supply just as we paid for beer or milk!

He did not know of any process by which sea water could be filtered, thus eliminating the salt, though if this were possible it would be a great argument in favour of the use of sea water for domestic purposes.

In conclusion, our informant said he was glad to see that the "China Mail" had taken the matter up. The present wastage of water was a disgrace and no investigations which were made could ever be regarded as a waste of time.

Investigations in 1921.

It is interesting to recall that in September, 1921, a Committee was appointed to consider the feasibility of extending the system of water carriage in the Colony by pumping up salt water from the Harbour and the provision of suitable pipes for that purpose.

The Committee, which held six meetings, decided that the Chinese quarters of Hong Kong

LINER'S NEW RECORD S.S. COOLIDGE.

San Francisco, April 5. A new record for the steamship run between Yokohama and San Francisco was claimed for the new Dollar liner, President Coolidge, which ended its maiden homeward crossing here yesterday in 12 days and 8 minutes, an average of 19½ knots an hour.

This is 4 hours and 4 minutes faster than the record held by the Japan Mail liner, Asama Maru.

SHANGHAI SHARES.

Latest Quotations.

Messrs. Carroll Bros. have just received the following quotations of Shanghai shares:—
Ewo Cotton Mills, Tls. 13.25.
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Shanghai Electric, Tls. 30.75.

music hall stars, that, later, he joined his elder brother Sydney, as a member of Fred Karno's dumb-show comedy sketch company, playing, among other roles, the drunken swell in "The Mummified" and "The Mummified" better known in America as "A Night in an English Music Hall."

Aid to the Soldiers. He attained the height of his popularity during the War, when his films did much to cheer the British and French troops on active service, and he himself contributed £6150,000 to the War Loan.

His more recent films are "The Circus" (1928) with Merna Kennedy, and "City Lights" (sound synchronized) with Virginia Cherrill.

Matrimonial Affairs. Chaplin had been married twice to Mildred Harris, who was then 17, in 1918, and to the 16-year-old Betty Gray in 1924. His son by his first wife died in infancy, and his two boys by his second

and Kowloon need not be considered until the water carriage system, if it were decided to extend it, had been tried in the other areas, such as the Peak and Middle Levels.

Their decision was based on the reasons that the areas in question were mainly taken up by Chinese tenement houses whose occupants would not be likely to appreciate it, that drains and closets in these districts would be liable to become blocked, and that the collection of faecal matter from these districts is the most valuable and the least expensive, most of the present revenue being obtained from them.

An Advantage. The Committee concluded that to pump salt water for an extension of the water carriage system to any of the three districts—Peak, Middle Levels, and Kowloon Points—was feasible and would be an advantage from a sanitary point of view. It would not, however, be economical to do so while fresh water could be spared and could be supplied at a less cost.

The time might come, adds the report, when the limit of the fresh water resources of the Colony had been so nearly reached that it would be more economical to obtain a supply of salt water than to obtain an equal additional supply of fresh water, but it does not appear that that time has yet arrived, and no works which may be carried out now for the use of fresh water would in any way interfere with the use of salt water when its use was found to be more economical.

Initial Cost.

The report of the Committee concluded:—"As our recommendations do not involve the supply of salt water, the question of the provision of suitable pipes does not arise."

It was estimated that the initial total cost of pumping salt water to the Peak District alone would be \$182,000, to the Middle Levels \$236,000, and to Kowloon Point District \$227,000.

SUPPLY AGAIN REDUCED.

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Statement by P.W.D.

The following statement was issued to the Press by the Hon. Director of Public Works this morning:—

Owing to the continued drought the total storage in the reservoirs is considerably below the average for this time of the year.

The storage in the Hong Kong Reservoirs at the end of April was only about 700 million gallons and the consumption was nearly 9 million gallons a day, at which rate there would be only 11 weeks supply.

In the Kowloon Reservoirs at the same date there was a storage of 220 million gallons and a consumption of 5½ million gallons a day, at which rate there would be only about 6 weeks supply, not allowing for stream supplies to be received into the reservoirs, which are daily decreasing.

The actual rainfall for the year 1932 to date is only 8.43 inches, as against an average of 14.01 inches.

Appeal to Public.

As the average rainfall for May is nearly 12 inches, it was reasonably expected that the reservoirs would to some extent be replenished early this month. Further restrictions of the water supply were, therefore, delayed. An appeal for the co-operation of the public in reducing the consumption of water was, however, issued by the Water Authority on May 8. The result of this appeal was not satisfactory, the daily consumption increasing instead of decreasing. It was, therefore, found necessary to turn off the supply throughout the Colony from 8 p.m. to 6 a.m. daily, beginning on May 7.

Result Unsatisfactory. The result of this further restriction had again proved unsatisfactory, there being an increase in consumption each day since the restriction came into force, showing that considerable wastage has been caused by the extravagant hoarding of water in bath-tubs, etc.

It has, therefore, now been found necessary to further reduce the supply to 1½ hours per day as from Monday, May 9, at 10 p.m. to 5 p.m. The public is again earnestly appealed to to



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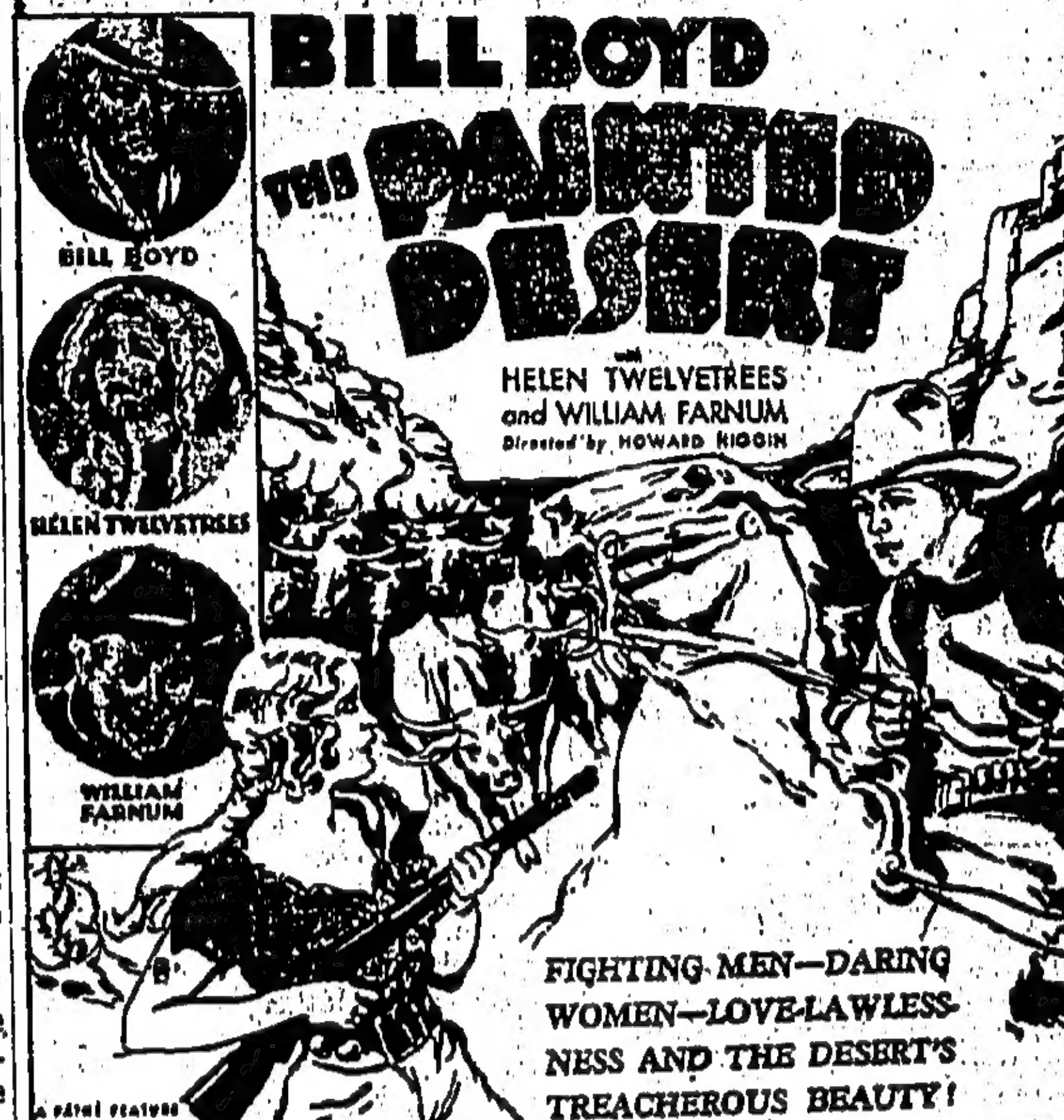
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Katland	1524
Calametan	1512
Kowloon Peak	1471

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

NOTICE.
WATER SUPPLY.

IT IS HEREBY NOTIFIED that, commencing on WEDNESDAY, the 11th May, and until further notice, the Water Supply of the Colony will be turned on in all Districts, except the Peak, only from 6 a.m. to 10 a.m. and from 4 p.m. to 7 p.m.
In the Peak District the hours of supply will be 6 a.m. to 10 a.m. and 5 p.m. to 8 p.m.
HAROLD T. CREASY,
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Public Works Department,
Hong Kong, 10th May, 1932.

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The first bell will be rung at 1.30 p.m.

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Times will be obtainable in the Restaurant in the Public Enclosure.

By Order,
S. A. SLEAP,
Secy. General.
Hong Kong, 9th May, 1932.

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Hong Kong, 9th May, 1932.

NOTICE OF REMOVAL.

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THE FIFTY-FIRST ORDINARY GENERAL MEETING of SHAREHOLDERS will be held at the Offices of the Undersigned on THURSDAY, the 19th May, 1932, at Noon, for the purpose of receiving the Report of the General Agents, together with a Statement of Accounts for the year ended the 31st December, 1931.

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PRINCE OF WALES TO ATTEND.

Paris, Yesterday.
The remains of M. Doumer will not be buried in the Pantheon. At the request of Madame Doumer he will be placed in the family vault, but the ceremony on Thursday in front of the Pantheon will be carried out as arranged.
M. Tardieu will make the funeral oration, as he did recently in honour of M. Briand.—Reuter.

Prince To Fly Over.

London, Yesterday.
H.R.H. the Prince of Wales will fly to Paris on Wednesday to attend the funeral of President Doumer as the representative of H.M. the King. He will return to London by air after the ceremony.—British Wireless Service.

British Sympathy.

In the House of Commons to-day Mr. Stanley Baldwin, Acting Premier, gave notice that he would tomorrow move an address to the King requesting His Majesty to express on behalf of the House his abhorrence of the crime and sympathy with the Government and people of France. A similar motion will be moved in the House of Lords.—British Wireless Service.

VOLUNTEERS AT WORK.

The first parade of the A-A Light Automatic Coy. of the Hong Kong Volunteer Defence Corps took place at Headquarters last evening, when two instructors took place at Wales Borders were present, to instruct the No. 3, Section, Centre which comprises of nine men, in the working of the Lewis Gun.

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NORTHERN LIGHTS INVESTIGATION.

British Expedition.

London, April 1.

One of the British expeditions which will investigate polar mysteries during the second international polar year, will concentrate on a theory that aurora borealis is caused by rays from the sun which have been stopped by the so-called "Heavide layer."

This was revealed in an announcement that Mr. J. M. Stagg, the noted meteorologist, will lead a British expedition of six men to Fort Rae, N.W.T. Canada. This will be one of the many field parties sent out by 18 nations under the auspices of the International Meteorological Commission.

PRESIDENTIAL FIGHT ENDS.

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State of Parties.
The state of the parties at 12.30 a.m. on Monday was—
Government.

Extreme Right 5
Right 131
Left Repts. 62
Centre 61

Total 259

Anti-Government.

Radicals 139
Rep. Socialists 47
Socialists 125
Communists 21

Total 332

How badly the Tardieu groups fared during the day may be established from the figures of gains and losses. Not a single seat was gained from the Opposition, the changes being:—

Losses
Extreme Right 1
Right 15
Left Repts. 25
Centre 20

Gains.
Radicals 35
Rep. Socialists 1
Socialists 17
Communists 8

61
—Reuter.

ANZAC UNIT ON PARADE.

Addition to Volunteers.

The first parade of the newly formed Anzac Company of the Hong Kong Volunteer Defence Corps took place at Volunteer Headquarters yesterday evening, 31 members being present.

Nothing in the way of drill was attempted, the unit assembling in the Headquarters Lecture Room, where they were congratulated, and the new members welcomed to the Corps by Lieut.-Col. L. G. Bird, D.S.O., O.B.E., who urged the men to regularly attend parades and to turn up at camp, assuring them that they would be very happy in the Corps.

The Adjutant, Capt. W. H. G. Goster then explained the Volunteer Ordinance and told the men what would be expected of them. He then mentioned that the hats for the unit had been ordered from Australia, and he hoped that the time would come when it would not be necessary to order from there, and that the Anzac Unit would be strong enough as to necessitate the carrying of local stores.

The position of the Anzac Company in the defence scheme, it was intimated, would be allotted later.

SIR THOMAS LEGGE.

Expert on Tuberculosis Dies.

London, Yesterday.

The death is announced of Sir Thomas Legge.—Reuter.
[Sir Thomas Morison Legge was born in Hong Kong in 1863. He was the youngest son of the late Professor J. Legge LL.D. He was educated at Magdalen College School and Trinity College, Oxford, and first became known as Secretary to the Royal Commission on Tuberculosis in 1896. Since 1930 he has been Medical Adviser to the Social Insurance Section of the Trade Union Congress. He was a member of the Society of Master Glass Painters. He wrote publications on Public Health in European Capitals, Cattle Tuberculosis, and Lead Poisoning. He leaves two sons and a daughter.]

NORTHERN LIGHTS INVESTIGATION.

British Expedition.

London, April 1.

One of the British expeditions which will investigate polar mysteries during the second international polar year, will concentrate on a theory that aurora borealis is caused by rays from the sun which have been stopped by the so-called "Heavide layer."

This was revealed in an announcement that Mr. J. M. Stagg, the noted meteorologist, will lead a British expedition of six men to Fort Rae, N.W.T. Canada. This will be one of the many field parties sent out by 18 nations under the auspices of the International Meteorological Commission.

HONG KONG STOCK EXCHANGE

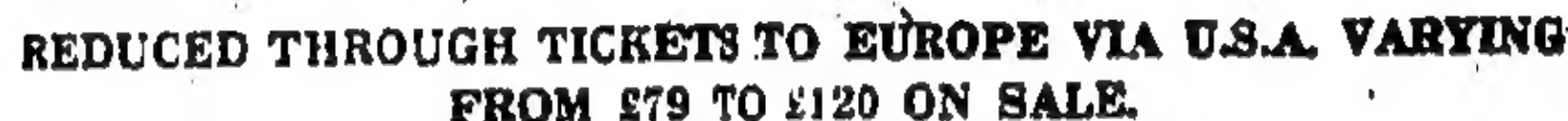
Opening Daily Official Quotations, May 10, 1932.
Next Settlement Day, Wednesday, May 25, 1932.

STOCK	Buy-ers	Sell-ers	Sales	Num.	Fin. year	Last dividend and when paid	
Banks							
Hong Kong Bank	1550	Dec.	(Final Div. 1931) Feb. 29, 32	Feb.
(Lon. Reg.)	110	...	making 23 for 1931	...
Chartered Bank	104	Dec.	Fin. 7-1/2% to 17th Apr 1931	Mar.
Mercantile Bk., A.B.B.	173	...	(Final 12% to 17th Apr 1931)	Mar.
C.	71	Dec.	making 12% for 1931	Mar.
Bank of Asia	110	...	23 for 1931	Mar.
Amer. O. Fin. Corp.	23	Dec.	...	...
Insurance							
Canton Ins.	1240	Dec.	(Min. 932.100. 5% for 1930)	...
Union Ins.	400	Dec.	(Interim 813.940 1931)	...
China Underwriters	4	Dec.	(Final 10% for 1931)	...
China Fire Ins.	590	Dec.	(Interim 74% to 1931)	...
H. K. Fire Ins.	1195	Dec.	(Final 50% bonus 45)	...
International Assc. Tis.	4	Dec.	(Interim 81% to 1931)	...
Shipping							
Douglases	263	Dec.	Last dividend for 1931	...
H. K. Steamboats	38	Dec.	Last dividend for 1930	...
Indo-China (Pref.)	45	Dec.	(12% ex. 24 to 30 preferred)	...
(Def.)	39	Dec.	for 1931 and 1932	...
Shells Bearer	37 1/2	Dec.	Last dividend for 1930	...
Union Waterboats	104	Dec.	(Final 14% bonus Nov. 28)	...
Mining							
Benguet	161	Dec.	(Final 14% bonus Nov. 28)	...
Kailan Mining Ad.	25 1/2	June	First Int. 25 centavos Apr 1931	...
Langkato (Single)	210	Oct.	24% from 17th Apr 1931	...
Shai Exploration	210	Oct.	for 1931 and 1932	...
Loans	8	Dec.	T. 6.50 for year 31-10-32	...
Rauha	84	Mar.	(Final T. 5.25)	...
Venezuela Gold Fields	3	Dec.	making T. 6.00 for 1930	...
Benguet Explorations	310	Dec.	2nd Int. 24% Apr 21-24-31	...
Docks, Wharves, Godowns, &c.							
H. K. & W. Wharves	149	Dec.	5% for 1931	...
H. K. & W. Docks	204	Dec.	Last dividend for 1931	...
South Ch. Motors (A)	10	Dec.	...	...
China Provident (old)	450	Dec.	(Final 10% for 1931)	...
(new)	220	Dec.	T. 6.50 for year 31-10-32	...
Hongkwa	320	Dec.	(18 cents on old) for 1931	...
N. Engineering	8	Dec.	(8 cents on new) for 1931	...
Shanghai Docks	68 1/2	Apr.	Fin. T. 14 making T. 14 for 1931	...
Lands, Hotels & Buildings							
H. & S. Hotels (C.R.)	1810	Dec.	T. 0.25 for 1931	...
(Rights)	240	Dec.	T. 0.25 for year 30-4-31	...
H.K. Lands	774	Dec.	61 cts. (old) 31 cts. (new) for 1931	...
Shanghai Lands	341	Dec.	(Final 37% making 5% for 1931)	...
Metropolitan Lands	10	Dec.	(Final 37% for 1931)	...
Humphreys	15	Dec.	T. 1 year 70-81	...
H. K. Realities	113.30	Dec.	T. 1 year 70-81	...
Asia Realities (A)	180	Dec.	(10 cents on old) for 1931	...
(B)	23	Dec.	Fin. 30 cts. mink. 61 cts. for 1931	...
Chinese Estates	1002	Feb.	...	...
China Sports Ltd.	10	Dec.	Interim 5% Apr year 29-3-32	...
Cotton Mills							
Ewo Cottons	182	Dec.	T. 1.50 for 1931	...
Shanghai Cotton	78	Dec.	T. 1.50 for 1931	...
Zoong Sings	102	June	T. 0.50 for half year 31-10-31	...
Public Utilities							
H. K. Tramways	912	Dec.	(Final 61 cts. making 5% for 1931)	...
Peak Trams (old)	104	Apr.	50 cts. on old for year	...
(new)	8	Dec.	40 cts. on new 30-4-31	...
Star Ferries	90	Dec.	5% for 1931	...
Yau-mai Ferries (old)	314	Dec.	51.75 for 1931	...
(new)	80	Dec.	...	...
China Light	21	Sept.	40 cts. for year 30-3-31	...
(old)	40	Dec.	...	...
H. K. Electric	791	Dec.	52.50 for 1931	...
Macao	24	Dec.	...	...
Sandakan Lights	393	June	None	...
H.K. Tels. fully paid	24.10	Dec.	(Final 5% making 10% for 1931)	...
(part paid)	16	Dec.	T. 0.50 for 1930	...
China Buses	8	Dec.	14 1/2 on preference shares	...
S'pore Traction (Ord.)	147	Sept.	Subject to income tax	...
Industrials							
Malayan Sugars	31	Dec.	Fr. 4.50 for 1930	...
Cald. Macg. Ord.	101	Dec.	(T. 1)	...
(Pref.)	16	Dec.	(T. 1.50) for 1930	...
Cannon Iron	14.80	July	20 cents on year 31-7-31	...
Cements (com.)	13.10	Dec.	45 cents on old	...
(old)	13.10	Dec.	14 cents on new for 1931	...
(new)
H. K. Ropes	14	Dec.	50 cts. bonus 1 cts. int. 11/11/31	...
China Agriculture	101	Dec.	...	...
Wallace Harper & Co.	14	Dec.	...	...
Stores, &c.							
Dairy Farms	273	Dec.	51.75 for 1931	...
Watsons (old)	181	Oct.	(50 cents)	...
(new)	18.30	Oct.	on old for year 31-10-31	...
Der A Wings	1	...	...	...
Lane Crewfords (old)	6.60	Feb.	Last dividend for year 29-3-31	...
(new)	11.10	...	...	...
Mackintosh	124	Feb.	83 bonus 50 cts. for year 29-3-31	...
Sincere	173	Feb.	(20 cts. bonus 10 cts. for year)	...
Wm. Forwells	3.85	Feb.	making 50 cents for 29-3-31	...
Miscellaneous							
H.K. Amusements	231	Mar.	52.50 for year 31-3-31	...
Ch. Entertainment	141	Dec.	0 cents for 1931	...
S. C. Enterprises	3.90	...	...	...
United Theatres	44	Dec.	...	...
Macao "Greybonds"	10	Dec.	...	...
Construction (old)	5.80	Dec.	40 cents on old for 1931	...
(New)	1.70	...	14 cents on new for 1931	...
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MOMBASA, ZANZIBAR, DAB-E8-SALAAM, BHRA, LOURENCO MARQUES, DURBAN, PORT ELIZABETH & CAPETOWN THENCE TO RIO DE JANEIRO, SANTOS & BUENOS AIRES via Singapore & Colombo	Africa Maru	Tues.,	7th June
MELBOURNE via Manilla, Brisbane & Sydney	Sydney Maru	Sun.,	5th June
JAPAN PORTS (Frequent Services).	Hamburg Maru	Wed.,	11th May
LONDON, HAMBURG, ROTTERDAM & ANTWERP via Singapore, Colombo, Suez & Port Said.	Andes Maru	Tues.,	7th June
NEW YORK via Japan ports, Los Angeles & Panama. Call Direct at Boston, Philadelphia & Baltimore.	Kinal Maru	Fri.,	20th May
BOMBAY via Singapore, Belawan, Deli & Colombo.	Shunko Maru	Thurs.,	19th May
CALCUTTA via Singapore, Belawan, Deli & Rangoon.	Honolulu Maru	Fri.,	20th May
KEELUNG via Swatow & Amoy (3 p.m. every Sunday).	Canada Maru	Tues.,	10th May
JAPAN PORTS via Takao & Keelung.	Doh Maru	Thurs.,	19th May
TAKAO via Swatow & Amoy.			

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**Mr. F. W. Goodwin of
the Dollar Line.**

During the interview by the *China Mail* correspondent, Mr. Goodwin refused to give his opinion on the Sino-Japanese situation, but said that in regard to statements made that there was much anti-Japanese feeling in the States, to his mind it was a lot of "hoovey."

May 10 to 16, 1932.

Date	High Water Standard Ht. Times.			Low Water Standard Ht. Times.		
	H.	M.	F.	H.	M.	F.
Tues. 10	11	01	20	3.5	04	09
Wed. 11	10	11	10	1.9	09	08
Thurs. 12	02	21	3.5	07	07	04
Fri. 13	11	50	6.9	20	20	16
Sat. 14	12	35	6.5	21	20	1.6
Sun. 15	13	30	6.3	22	18	1.6
Mon. 16	41	60	4.3	06	39	1.3
Tues. 17	16	18	5.4	20	38	1.4
Wed. 18	06	49	4.7	12	39	1.1
Thurs. 19	18	05	5.2	12	01	3.0

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Emp. of Canada	June 3	June 6		June 8	June 10	June 16	June 21
Emp. of Japan	June 10	June 21	June 21	June 21	June 21	June 21	June 21
Emp. of Japan	July 1	July 4		July 6	July 8	July 14	Aug. 1
Emp. of Asia	July 15	July 18	July 19	July 21	July 23		Aug. 1
Emp. of Canada	July 29	Aug. 1		Aug. 8	Aug. 5	Aug. 11	Aug. 18
Emp. of Russia	Aug. 12	Aug. 16	Aug. 16	Aug. 18	Aug. 20	Aug. 21	Sept. 1
Emp. of Japan	Aug. 12	Aug. 12	Aug. 12	Aug. 12	Aug. 12	Aug. 12	Sept. 1
Emp. of Asia	Sept. 9	Sept. 12	Sept. 13	Sept. 15	Sept. 17	Sept. 18	Sept. 26
Emp. of Canada	Sept. 23	Sept. 26		Sept. 28	Sept. 30	Oct. 6	Oct. 11

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LONDON'S BANDIT MENACE

SMASH AND GRAB RAIDS
MORE NUMEROUS.

Storm of Public Criticism.

In spite of the increased vigilance of the police, especially the flying squads in their high-powered cars, "smash and grab" raids in London seem to be more numerous than ever.

There were at least four such robberies on April 1, and in every case the raiders used motor-cars and escaped with their spoils.

In two of the cases an iron bar was used to threaten people who attempted to detain the thieves.

Recently when many people were about, jewellery valued at over £1,000 was taken from a shop in Burlington Gardens, Piccadilly.

Four men in a large grey motor-car drove up to the shop, and before the car had stopped two of the men jumped out and smashed the window.

Their companions, armed with iron bars, threatened the small crowd of people who ran to the spot.

An employee of a neighbouring shop attempted to reach the thieves, but was told by one of the men to stand back or he would be hit.

As the man with the stolen jewellery reached the car it drove off at a great speed. It was later found abandoned in Golden Square.

The other raid, in which an iron bar was employed, occurred in Ponders End, Middlesex, which has been the scene of several such crimes within the last few months.

A bandit smashed the window of a pawnbroker's shop, and as they ran back to their waiting car, was seen by firemen on duty in the adjacent fire station.

A fireman ran towards them, and one of the men threw a heavy iron bar at him, which narrowly missed his head. Jewellery worth about £150 was taken and a quantity left strewn over the pavement.

Raiders in Dress Clothes.
The entire stock of a Great Portland street tobacconist was stolen by raiders who drove up to the premises in evening dress and used a car stolen from Mount Street.

The fourth raid took place in Fore Street, Edmonton, where, after smashing the window of a jeweller's shop, the thieves escaped with a quantity of jewellery. This raid took place in the early hours of the morning, and was not discovered until a policeman on his beat noticed the smashed shutters and window.

These raids bring the total of this class of crime in London alone for the present year up to 30.

They have been causing more and more public alarm year after year. The ease with which these raids are

accomplished gives the raiders confidence, and each new raid seems to make it more clear that the police, at the moment, are practically powerless to deal with the situation.

Lord Trenchard is seriously perturbed, and every endeavour is being made by Scotland Yard to evolve some means of checking this evergrowing menace.

The whole success of these raids rests, of course, on stolen motor-cars, and until the police can stop the thefts of cars other crimes are sure to follow.

The police are fully alive to the storm of public criticism which their failure to meet the "smash and grab" situation has evoked, but feel that in one way at least the public must take some of the blame.

"If people did not make it so easy for bandits to steal their cars," a detective complained "it would not be so difficult for us to deal with the 'smash and grab' raid."

"In nearly every case I have investigated the raid on a shop has been made possible by somebody leaving a car about with no protection against theft. The bandits have merely stepped into the car as if they owned it, and the rest has been just a question of nerve and speed—and they always have those."

Tell-Tale Figures.
A review of the past few months makes gloomy reading. In December last it was computed that there were on an average six "smash and grab" raids every week. During the three months ended on January 31, 1932, there were no fewer than 99.

These offences have not been against property alone. Messengers and officials known to be carrying considerable sums of money or valuables have been attacked and robbed, and in most cases the thieves have been able to jump into waiting motor-cars—stolen again—and be driven away by their companions.

To take the number of the car is usually a waste of time, as the bandits abandon the car as soon as possible, often before the police start off in pursuit.

Here, again, the raiders have the advantage. However, quickly the alarm may be given, wireless messages and fast police cars are of little service if the only known adjunct of the crime—the car—is abandoned.

A few minutes' start is usually sufficient for the thieves to get well out of the neighbourhood, quietly leave the car—as the detectives would say, "as if they owned it"—separate, and stroll casually away.

EMPIRE DAY
FAIR.

Display of 10,000,000
Canadian Bees.

NEW TERRITORIES PRODUCE
SECTION.

Arrangements are being made for the display of one glass hive of high-grade bees imported from Canada at the Empire Products Fair in Hongkong. It will be of interest to learn that no less than 1,200 hives containing approximately 10,000,000 Canadian bees have been imported into Canton via Hongkong for the establishment of an apian industry in South China.

Soon after their arrival and before their transportation to Canton, by courtesy of Lady Ho Tung, these hives were temporarily accommodated at Sir Robert Ho Tung's farm at Sheung Shiu in the New Territories. The Canadian Government Trade Commissioner and Mr. Ridford, his assistant, are exerting themselves to make of this display a feature of the Empire Products Fair to be opened in the Peninsula Hotel on Monday, 23rd May.

The New Territories Produce section promises to be of very special practical interest from the fact that the District Officers of the New Territories and the officials of the Botanical and Forestry Department have been assured by the farmers of the New Territories that every effort will be employed in order to ensure a large supply of rice, vegetables, sweet corn, potatoes, a number of roots, tomatoes and various kinds of cooking melons, that go to prove the agricultural resources of the New Territories, for Hongkong consumption on Empire Day.

From the Southern District of the New Territories, especially Cheung Chau and Tai O, several varieties of fresh fish and shell-fish will be available for sale at the Fair at current market prices.

WARRANT
PROCEDURE
CRITICISED.Criminal Court Being
Used As a Civil Court.

DEFENDANT DISCHARGED.

The practice of obtaining a warrant of arrest and then subsequently appearing in Court after a date had been fixed to apply for the withdrawal of the case, was strongly condemned by Mr. E. I. Wynne-Jones in the Central Magistracy yesterday afternoon, when he discharged Pun Chik-nam, who was charged with having received goods from Messrs. Parke Davis & Co., and also of failing to enter certain items into the account books of Messrs. Y. C. Wong (China Dispensary) and Company, with intent to embezzle the same.

Mr. E. S. C. Brooks appeared for the complainant, and Mr. Horace Lo was for the defence.

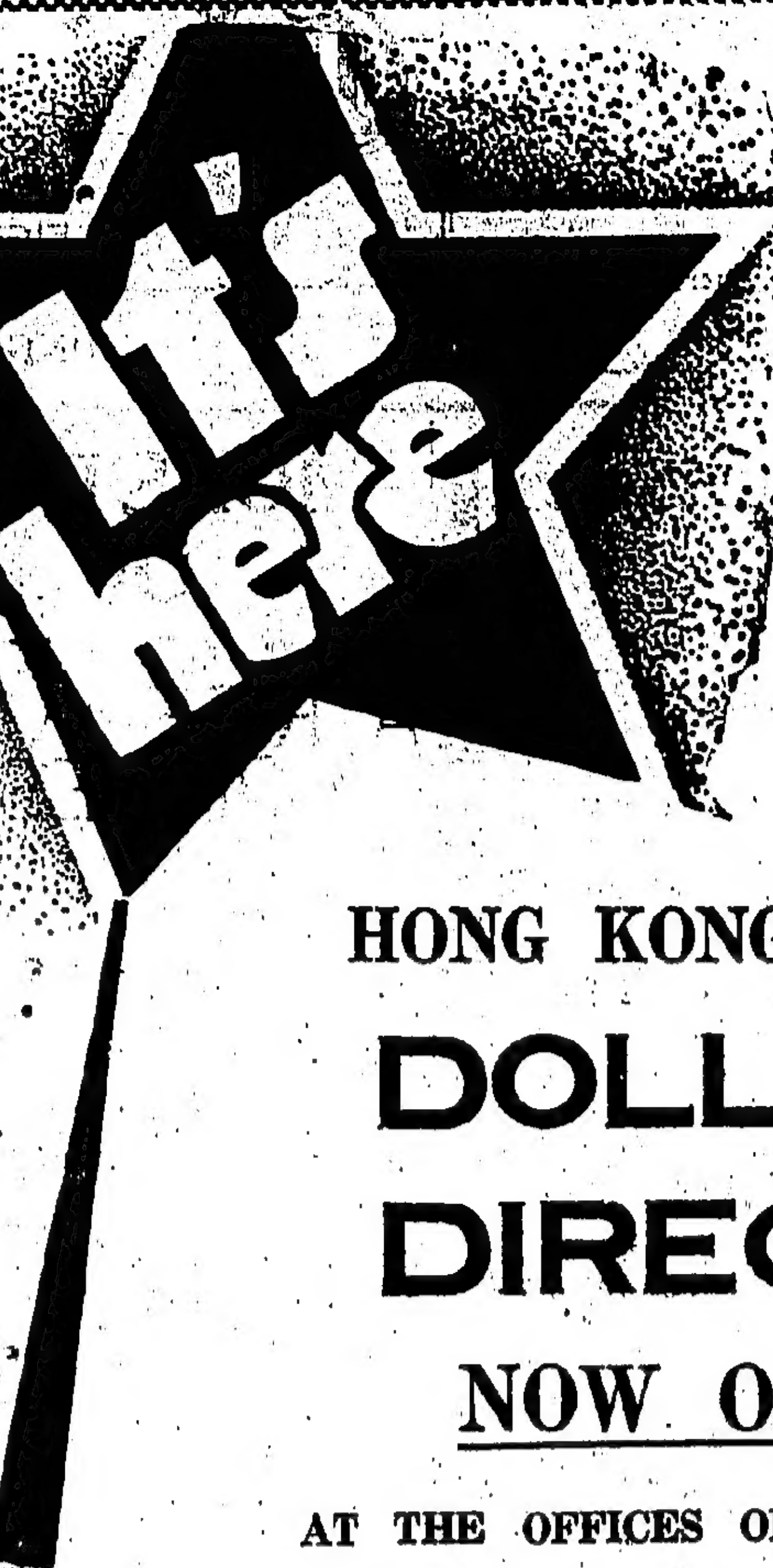
No Evidence Offered.
Mr. Brooks asked leave to withdraw the charges as the defendant had made certain explanations. They did not wish to offer any evidence against him, and they withdrew any imputation against his character.

The Magistrate strongly criticised the practice of applying for a warrant of arrest on insufficient grounds. The criminal court was being used as a civil court. The complainants were very wrong, and his Worship was very dissatisfied, as it had wasted his afternoon, especially when he had a number of remand cases which had to be heard.

He was not casting any reflections on Mr. Brooks, but certainly against the complainants, who, he remarked, should have known earlier of their intentions.

Come To Terms.
Mr. Lo remarked that the complainants were satisfied since the defendant's first appearance in Court that there was no case whatsoever against him. They also wished him to leave the Court with a stain on his character. The parties had come to certain terms, by which it was agreed that defendant be paid three months' wages in lieu of notice.

His Worship accordingly discharged the defendant.



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KWANGTUNG
UNREST.Peace Conference Likely
at Hangchow.

A conference at Hangchow, at which representatives of Marshal Chiang Kai-shek and Mr. Wang Ching-wei will attend, has been suggested as a means of securing a pacification of the unrest in the South, which has given the Nanking Government considerable anxiety.

Formal negotiations between Admiral Chan Chak and the Canton Government are still proceeding in Macao, and it is thought likely that an understanding will be reached in the near future. One of the conditions of surrender laid down by the mutineers is that the Naval base be permanently placed at Hohow, in Hainan Island.

TOWING A WHALE.

Ship's Adventure Off Mouth
of The Elbe.

Berlin, March 27.
A whale, over 26ft long and weighing about six tons, has been caught at the mouth of the Elbe, near Cuxhaven. The monster was seen from a ship on Thursday stranded on some wooden piles close to land.

A boat was lowered, and, after a prolonged struggle, the crew succeeded in fastening an iron chain to the whale's tail and pulling the creature out into deeper water. They then fastened the chain to the stern of the ship and towed the whale into Cuxhaven.

Unfortunately, however, this

"FATTY" ARBUCKLE
TO RETURN?Marriage After
June 12.

"Fatty" Arbuckle is once more in the limelight after having disappeared from the world's stage and screen in 1921, after the famous Hollywood tragedy and his triple trial on a murder count.

Recently he announced at dinner here that he would be married to Addie M'Phail, one of the stars of "Midnight Daddies," as soon after June 12 as possible.

He chose this date from necessity. The 12th is the day when Miss M'Phail expects her divorce.

A concentrated attempt is now being made by influential film folk to secure a "pardon" for the de-throned comedian.

Hollywood definitely wants Arbuckle back again. Producers all feel that he would prove a great box office attraction. And never was an attraction needed quite as badly as now.

Several producers feel that an Arbuckle picture would be an "wow," and one manager is just about ready to take the risk of bringing down the wrath of the "women's clubs" in order to get this much-needed box office hit.

There will probably soon be a big campaign to urge "fair play for 'Fatty'."

method of transport made it impossible for the whale to raise its head above water, and by the time Cuxhaven was reached, it had suffocated. The gigantic creature was yesterday towed up to Hamburg.

A THRONELESS
KING.Nation of Born
Soldiers.

BALKAN WAR CLOUD.

Prince Milo, the exiled claimant to the throne of Montenegro, the little Balkan State which fourteen years ago was handed over to Jugo-Slavia, is at present in London.

Behind that simple fact lies the story of a great bid to make Montenegro once again an independent nation, and to restore her prince to his throne. It may mean war.

Scattered about the world, in Britain, Italy, Belgium, and the United States, there are 80,000 Montenegrin patriots, all working for the same end.

The facts of this strange story, which may shortly confront Europe with a critical international problem, have been given to the Sunday Express by Mr. Worsley M. Petrovitch, who is of the same stock as the late King Nicholas of Montenegro.

When Jugo-Slavia was created a State, Montenegro was handed over to her by France. King

Nicholas, then an old man, was forced into exile under the cloud of a slander which alleged that he and his unmarried daughters, the Princesses Xenia and Vera, had fled to the Riviera with \$5,000,000 stolen from the Montenegrin exchequer.

The King died at San Remo, and all he had in the world was ten French francs.

Robin Hoods.

Montenegro, about half the size of Wales, has a male population that can be described as the Robin Hoods of South-Eastern Europe.

Practically every man is a born soldier, and despite the close surveillance of Jugo-Slavia, there are enough rifles in the country to equip each man with two. There is also an abundance of ammunition.

They are all enthusiastic supporters of Prince Milo and haters of Jugo-Slavian domination. They are only awaiting the maturing of the international situation before striking.

The support of Italy is of prime importance, and the Montenegrins hope to obtain it. Prince Milo is much beloved, and the Queen of Italy is his aunt.

Bulgarians are unfriendly to Jugo-Slavia.

Grave Disaffection.
Meanwhile, there is grave disaffection in Jugo-Slavia. The peasants detest the present rule, and the upper classes are aware that enormous sums of money are being sent out of the country and deposited in Britain by certain highly placed persons. These deposits are said to total more than \$8,000,000, and are regarded as evidence of panic fears for the future.

All the different factors mean one thing—Jugo-Slavia, with 1,500,000 effectives, is likely to be confronted by Italy with 5,000,000 and Albania with 100,000.

And this will be Montenegro's chance, though she possesses but 80,000.

STANDARD TIMES.

Sunrise and Sunset in Hong Kong for February, 1932. (Standard time of the 120th Meridian East of Greenwich), are as follows:—

May	Sunrise	Sunset
10	5.46	6.54
11	5.45	6.54
12	5.45	6.55
13	5.44	6.55
14	5.43	6.55
15	5.43	6.56
16	5.43	6.56
17	5.42	6.57
18	5.42	6.57
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MONETARY POLICY OF BRITAIN

A RISE IN WHOLESALE PRICES DESIRED

CHAMBERLAIN OUTLINES PLANS

SILK INDUSTRY TO BE ASSISTED.

London, Yesterday.

The Government desire to see a rise in wholesale prices and a smaller rise in retail prices.

This is the British monetary policy in a nutshell as given by Mr. Neville Chamberlain, the Chancellor of the Exchequer, in a House of Commons debate on a Labour motion for the rejection of the Budget.

Mr. Chamberlain rejected Sir Robert Horne's suggestion for an international currency conference, as already there were enough conferences to engage the Government's attention.

While monetary problems could be settled without round table parleys. For example, the tendency of events in the United States to increase the currency and raise prices showed that we might be moving in parallel lines to achieve a common object.

Wholesale Prices.

Several factors affected wholesale prices in Britain, notably tariffs and the exchange value of sterling, which the Government had no desire to see rising higher than it was; also the cheap and abundant supplies of money which were likely to continue

for sometime with beneficial effects.

The debate was adjourned.

Financial Resolution.

Mr. Neville Chamberlain announced that he would introduce to-morrow a financial resolution as a rough and ready attempt to assist the silk industry pending a final settlement of the matter, which he will ask the Tariff's Advisory Committee to investigate.

—Reuter.

Surtax to Be Imposed.

Members closely identified with the silk industry state that the Government's temporary proposals will be embodied in a ways - and - means resolution, which will be carried to-day, imposing an immediate surtax on imported manufactured products.

—Reuter.

LONDON TO SPAIN IN 12 HOURS.

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14,000 MILES IN USE.

Rugby, Yesterday.

The Summer Service of the Great International Network of European Airways, which is now in operation, are this year so inter-connected as a result of International Conferences that they provide regular daily air services from London to 130 European cities and towns. Sixty-nine of them; some as distant from Britain as Spain, Italy and Sweden; can be reached in less than 12 hours, while there are now few districts in the whole of Europe which are more than two days from London by air.

It is possible to fly from London to Basle and back in a day on the ordinary services. Meals are now regularly served on the big liners.

Now that the Imperial Airways are operating a complete through route to Cape Town as well as India by the Continental Services, the Company's fleet of multi-engined aircraft is now flying regularly over 14,000 miles of aerial routes along which there are 50 main and intermediate air stations.—British Wireless Service.

CHINA'S DEBT TO THE LEAGUE.

Reported to Be £400,000 in Arrears.

COMMENT IN COMMONS.

London, Yesterday.

The question of China's arrears in regard to her contributions to the League of Nations was raised in the House of Commons to-day.

Sir John Simon, the Foreign Secretary, replied that China owed £400,000, which the Assembly decided should be paid over 10 years. No steps had been taken for securing these payments.

Sir William H. Dawson, the Conservative Member for South Kensington, asked what additional burden China's default had been thrown upon Great Britain, but Sir John Simon said he was unable to give the exact figure. — Reuter.

RAIN FALLS TO-DAY.

A light rainfall occurred approximately at 1.25 p.m. to-day, thus breaking the long drought which commenced nearly three weeks ago.

SMUGGLERS OPEN FIRE ON CUSTOMS BOAT.

Chinese Sailor Dies of His Wounds.

FIERCE BATTLE OFF MACAO.

A desperate encounter between an armed smugglers' junk and a Chinese Maritime Customs cruiser led to the death of Lo Fook, a sailor, who received gunshot wound in the arm and chest, according to a report handed in at Police Headquarters this morning.

According to Mr. G. Hallams, officer in charge of the Chinese Maritime Customs cruiser "Kwan Lui," Lo Fook, aged 31 years, employed as a sailor on board the cruiser, died as the result of a shot wound in the arm and chest, received during an encounter with smugglers, yesterday morning.

Attack Near Macao.

The cruiser is engaged on a preventive patrol and cruises in Chinese waters. The attack took place near Mong Chau, south of Macao, when she was on a journey to Hong Kong. She encountered a small junk, which had on board ten or twelve Chinese men, armed with rifles. They were also smuggling a quantity of cargo; in an attempt to avoid duty.

The cruiser "Kwan Lui" approached the junk, and the latter's crew immediately opened fire, and a battle ensued, during which the smugglers jumped overboard from the junk, scrambled to shore and made good their escape.

Lo Fook was severely injured, and died on the trip to Hong Kong. On arrival the body was taken to the Kowloon Mortuary.

MR. HACHIRO ARITA

Appointed Vice-Minister of Foreign Affairs.

Tokyo, Yesterday.

The Cabinet has decided to appoint Mr. Hachiro Arita, Minister to Austria, to succeed Mr. Matsuzo Nagai as Vice-Minister of Foreign Affairs.—Reuter.

News in Brief.

During the month of April 94 new radio listening licences were issued, and there were 15 renewals.

Travelling in the interests of the United States Postal Service, Mr. Manley G. Miller passed through on the s.s. President McKinley en route to San Francisco.

According to the monthly report of the Broadcasting Committee, just issued, no European studio concerts were arranged during April owing to the removal of the Studio to Gloucester Building.

The monthly report of the Broadcasting Committee shows that the actual hours of transmission for the month of April totalled 250 of which 144.25 were devoted to European programmes and 105.75 to Chinese.

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